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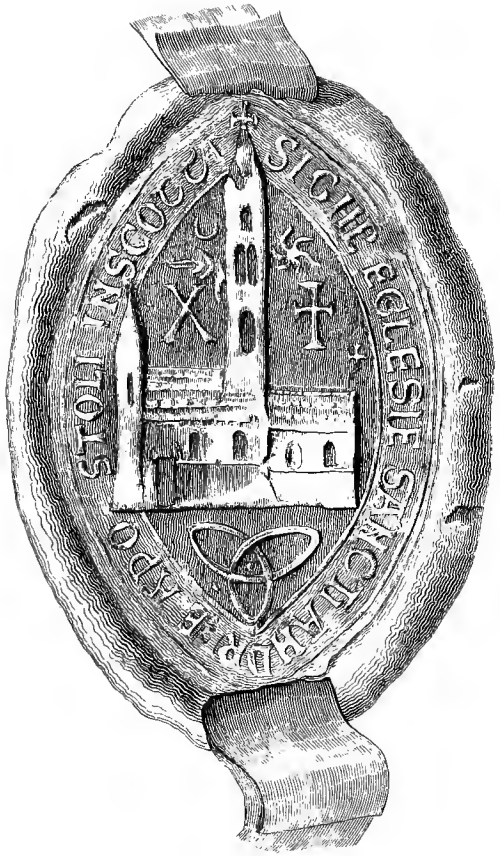

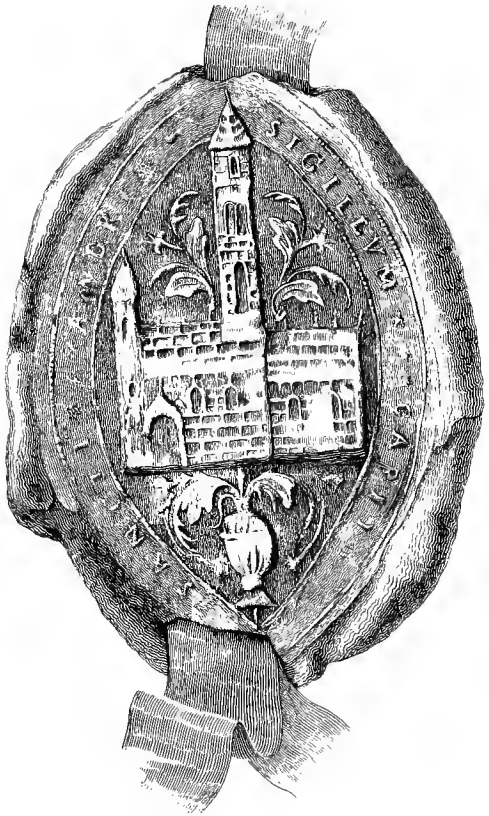

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PREFATORY NOTICE.

THE following Contribution to the Abbotsford Club, contains Selections from the Minutes of the SYNOD OF FIFE, from 1611 to 1687, a highly interesting period of our Ecclesiastical History during the times both of Episcopacy and Presbyterianism, and forms an appropriate addition to the "Selections from the Minutes of the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cupar" from 1641 to 1698, recently presented to the Club by Mr. Kinloch.

The Editor is much indebted to many of the Clergy of the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cupar, and particularly to the late Rev. Dr. Adamson, first Minister of Cupar, and the Rev. Mr. Swan of Abercromby, for the use of the Records of their Parishes, and of those of the Synod and Presbyteries. It is hoped that the two volumes of "Ecclesiastical Records," presented to the Club, will not only be the precursors of other similar Selections, but may also stimulate the Clergy to adopt some public measure, under the authority of the General Assembly, for the preservation of the Ecclesiastical Records of Scotland.

The earliest Register of the SYNOD OF FIFE, from which the following Extracts are taken, comprises the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod, from 2d April 1611, to 27th April 1636. It is in excellent preservation, and consists of 348 pages, marked in modern figures; but it is evident from the original enumeration of the folios, (thirty-nine leaves being wanting at the beginning, and several at the end) that it must have commenced at an earlier period, probably at the induction of Archbishop Gladstanes in 1606, and been carried down, in all likelihood, to the year 1638, when Episcopacy was abolished.

Upon the establishment of Presbyterian Church government, the Synod, at their meeting held in St. Andrews on the 1st October 1639, with the view to secure the preservation of their Records, and to make the Presby-

teries of the province better acquainted with their proceedings, passed the following Enactment relative to the Synodal Register.

"The whilk day, the Provinciall Assemblie conveened in the South Ile of the said citie, after incalling the name of God; they having duely considered how expedient and necessar it is to have a comelie Register of there actes, ordinances, processes, and sentences, to be sighted by the Generall Assemblie, when they sall be required to that effect; and that all parties having entres may have extractes of matteris of importance, according to the Actes of the Generall Assemblie; as likewise, that everie particular Presbyterie have a just copie of the said Register: They have chosen Mr. John Moreis, clerk to the late Provinciall Assemblie, holden at Cupar in April, in this inſtant yeir of God 1639, to continue the ordinarie clerk in all there Assemblies; which office the said Mr. John accepted in and upon him, be a solemne oath and promise to be faithfull therein, under the conditions after specified. That is to say, the said Mr. John, upon his owne charges, sall attend the Provinciall Assemblie, and provide five comelie paper bookis, wherein he sall writ the severall actes of everie Provincial Assemblie,—one to remain a publict Register to the whole Provinciall Assemblie, and the other four to be delivered to them respectivè, one to ilk ane of the saidis Presbyteries within thrie moneth immediatlie after ilk Provinciall Assemblie; as also, to extract such actes and ordinances of everie Assemblie, to ony persoun, of his own process allenarlie, that sall require the samen, upon the said Mr. John his owne charges: For the whilk cause, the saidis ministeris and elderis, and ilk ane of them, for themselfs, sall pay to the said Mr. John, at everie Provinciall Assemblie to be holden within ony part of the said province, threttein shilling four pennies. And for the more sure keiping of the premissis, the said Provinciall Assemblie and Mr. John are content, and consentis that thir presentis be insert in the publict Register of this Provinciall Assemblie, there to remain *ad futuram rei memoriam*."

The "publict register" of the Synod appears to have been lost; but "just copies" of it, which belonged to the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Dunfermline, are in the possession of the Synod Clerk. These Copies

are much mutilated and destroyed by damp; that of Dunfermline, however, being the more perfect, has been relied on in making the Extracts. It commences with the proceedings of the Provincial Assembly held at Cupar on the 2d April 1639, and terminates 7th April 1657.

The third volume of the Records, being the Register of the Diocesan Synod from 14th October 1662, to 5th October 1687, is also much injured by damp, the writing being in many places illegible, and several leaves at the beginning destroyed.

The Catalogue of Ministers from the Reformation to the year 1700, is not so complete and correct as could be desired; but as some labour has been bestowed in examining many original records and other authentic sources, it is thought that, even with its defects, it will form an interesting and appropriate Appendix to the present work. It may be observed that the contractions *ad.* and *tr.* stand for *admission* and *translation*, and that the dates within parentheses are given, not as the dates of induction of the Clergymen, but merely as the earliest periods at which their names have been discovered on record.

The Fac-similes of the Seals of Archbishops Spottiswoode and Sharp, and the Autographs[1] of the Archbishops of St. Andrews from 1611 to the Revolution, are taken from original Charters granted by them as superiors of lands held of the See of St. Andrews. The Seals of the Abbacy, (one of which is very old), shew the entire building of the Chapel and Tower of St. Regulus, and a small building or Chapel which must have formerly stood on the *west* side of the Tower. Martine in his state[2] of the See of St. Andrews, written in 1683, gives a description of this, the most ancient building of the Monastery of St. Andrews. The Tower, which is all that now remains, is at present in the same state as described by him, excepting that "it was of late fresh pointed, and the stair case within it repaired."

[1] No. 1 is the Signature of George Gladstones, 1610; 2. John Spottiswoode, 1619; 3. James Sharp, 1662; 4. Alexander Burnet, 1684; 5. Arthur Ross, 1686.

[2] Martine's Reliquiæ Divi Andreæ, p. 182.

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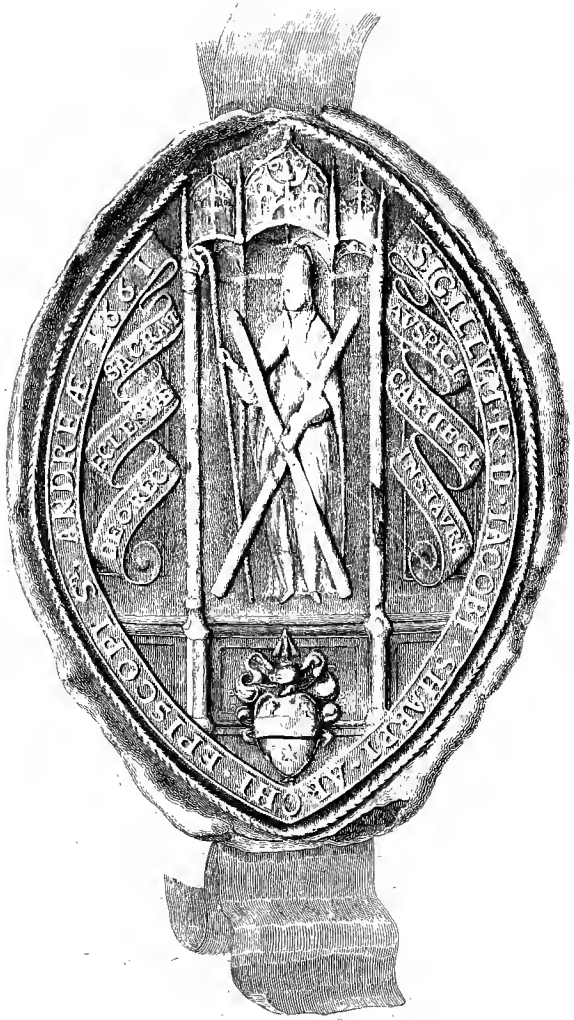

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THE SYNOD OF FIFE.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF SAINTANDROIS QUHILK LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN AT SAINTANDROIS UPON THE SECOND AND FOWRTH DAYES OF APRYL IN ANNO I^mVI^c ELEVINE YEIRS, CONVOCATE AND MODERATE BE THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Seſſio Prima.

EFTER invocatione of Godis holy name, and doctrine delyverit be the ſaid right reverend Father,[1] the brethren ſerving the cuir of the kirkes in the boundis above ſpecifiet wer found preſent; exceptand the Miniſteris of Aberluthnot, Dunce, Idvie, Lentrathine, Erroll, Collace, Blair, Cambuſmichael, Scoone, Kingleſſie, Bruntiland, Tor, Muckart. The Miniſteris of Aberluthnot, Collace, Erroll, and Scoone, excuſed be ſicknes; Cambuſmichael be povertie, and that he behoved to keep the Synode of Dunkeld: concerning the remanent, it was ordainit, that the Moderatour of evrie Exerceis[2] ſall charge thame to compeir befor the next Synode, to heir and ſie the ſentens of ſuſpenſioune from the Miniſtrie, conforme to

[1] Mr. George Gladstones, minister at Arbirlot in Angus, and afterwards at St. Andrews, was made bishop of Caithness in 1600, and Archbishop of St. Andrews in 1606. He died 2d May 1615.

[2] The term *Exerceis*, from *exercitus* an assembly, is used, during the episcopal period of the Church, as synonymous with *Presbytery*.

the Act of the Generall Aſſemblie, pronuncit agains thame, or ellis to ſchaw reaſonable caus in the contrair.

Commissioneris present from the particular Congregatiounes.

From Arbuthnot; the Lairdis of Arbuthnot and Allardeis.
From Egliſgreig; the Laird of Balgillo.
From Raſcobie; the Laird of Cars.
From Forfar; Gideon Guthrie, William Lockie.
From Inneraritie; the Laird of Kincaldrum.
From Effie Nevay; the Laird of Logie Megill.
From Inchbryok; the Laird of Vliſhevine.
From St. Vigiane; the Goodman of North Turrie.
From Coupar; William Chryſtiſowne, David Jamiſone.
From Ebdie; Jhone Cavie, Gavine Adeſone.
From Ferrie-Portuncraig; Mr. James Durie.
From Fordowne; the Laird of Saintfurd, Goodman [of] Kirkton.
From Lewchars; the Laird of Kynnaird.
From Saintandrois; the Rector of the Vniverſitie, the Provoſt of the Towne, the Goodman of Craigtowne.
From Craill; the Laird of Balcolmie.
From Dinninnow; the Goodman of Strawfuthie.
From Kembak; the Laird of Blebo.
From Largo; Mr. Robert Durie, Mr. Thomas Wood.
From Kilrinnie; Jhone Strang, Thomas Watſone.
From Cleiſh; the Laird of Treatowne.
From Innerkeything; Jhone Scott, Jhone Bonar.

The Brethren nominate to be vpon the Privie Conference.

Mr. Androw Ramſay, Jhone Erſkine, James Ramſay, Mr. Henrie Fullertowne, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrick Lindeſay, Mr. Androw Clayhills, Mr. Henrie Duncane, Mr. William Malcolme, Mr. Alexander Kinninmonth, Mr. Jhone Malcolme, Mr. James Row, Mr. Patrik Weymes,

Mr. David Monypennie, Mr. Joſuah Durie, Mr. Johne Kynneir, the Rector of the Vniverſitie, Mr. Robert Howy, Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch, the Provoſt of the Awld College, Mr. Robert Buchannane, Mr. Jhone Mitchelſone, Mr. David Spens, Mr. Androw Froſter, Mr. Edmund Myles, the barronis and gentilmen Commiſſioneris, and the Proveſt of the towne of Saintandrois.

Clerk.—Mr. Jhone Guthrie, miniſter at Arbirlott, nominate and choſen to be Clerk to the preſent Aſſemblie, quho gave his oath for faithfull diſcharge of the ſaid office.

Houres of Meeting.—It was thocht meitt that the Aſſemblie convein in the Awld College, the privie Conferens in the litle Hall, the full Aſſemblie in the Commoune Scole. The Conferens to meitt at two; the Aſſemblie at thrie houres after noone; and on the next day, the Conferens to meitt at ſevine; the full Aſſemblie at ten houres before noone; at quhilk tymes the bell of the ſaid College ſall ring to the full Aſſemblie.

Keiping the Aſſemblie.—Item, for preventing the departure of the brethren convenit to this Aſſemblie befoir the diſſolving thairof, and procuring that thei may convein preceiſlie at the tymes appoynted, it wes concludit, that quhoſoever ſall depart befoir the end of the Aſſemblie ſal be reputt as thocht he had not bein preſent at all, and cenſured accordinglie. And everie brother comming tardie to the Conferens or full Aſſemblie, ſall pay vnforgiven ſex ß.

Seſſio Secunda.

Sir Jhone Ogilvie—Item, fforſamikle as Sir Jhone Ogilvie of Craig excommunicate, havand giffen to the laſt Aſſemblie ane ſuitt to be reconciled to the Kirk, as in the ſamen at moir lenth is conteinit, no dealing cowld be had with him vntill the tyme the Kings Maieſties will war knowen; for the quhilk caus, my Lord Archbiſhop wes deſyred to writt to his Hienes, quhois licence being obtained, and the ſaid Sir Jhone relaxed from the horne, his Lordſhip apoynted certaine brethrene, viz. Mrs. Arthour Futhie, Patrik Lyndeſy, Henrie Fullertowne, Jhone Guthrie, Androw Clayhills, and Androw Ramſy, to quhom commiſſioune wes giffen to tak

the ſaid Sir Jhone his oath and ſubſcriptioune, to the articles of the fayth and trew religioun; quhilk ſubſcriptioune, together with the ſaid Sir Jhone his band to communicate quhen and quhair he ſalbe requyred, vnder the paine of ane thowſand merkis, wes produced be the foirnamed brethrene; Theirfoir, the Aſſemblie, finding no further impediment, concludit that the ſaid Sir Jhone ſalbe abſolved from the ſentens of excommunicatione be my Lord Archbiſhop in the kirk of Saintandrois, after he hes maid ſolemne declaratioune of his repentans for his apoſtafie, and giffen, publictlie as privatelie, his oath, *etc.;* in the quhilk kirk alſo he ſall communicate the firſt tyme the communioune ſalbe celebrate thair. The foirſaid concluſioune to be intimate to him be the foirnamed brethren, quho ar ordained, betwix and the tyme of his abſolutione, to deall with him for his further inſtructioune.

Thomas Tyrie.—Item, forſamikle as Thomas Tyrie, excommunicat papiſt, hes maid no progres in conferens with the brethren apoynted for that office, and that no hoip is of his converſioune ſinceirlie to the trew Kirk, thairfoir it wes ſtatute and ordained, that the firſt Saboth after the returne of the brethren from this preſent Aſſemblie, the excommunicatione of the ſaid Thomas ſalbe of new publiſhed in all pulpitts, and intimate to the people. Lykas my Lord Archbiſhop ſall deall with the Kings Majeſtie and Secreitt Counſell, that ordour may be takin with him according to the laws.

Requiſitioune of Oath.—The foirſaid day, the Act maid in the ſaid Aſſemblie holdin at Arbroth in the moneth of September laſtbypaſt, concerning the requiſitioune of the oath and ſubſcriptioune of ſuch gentlemen, noblemen, thair children or followeris, quho as yet have not giffen the ſame, wes renewed, with this additioune, that ſuch as have, ſince thair ſubſcriptioune, bein foorth of the countrey ſalbe vrged lykewys to ſubſcryve.

Communicating.—Item, it is ſtatute and ordained, that everie brother ſall lawfullie requyre, that is, upon premonitioune of twentie dayes, befoir two witneſſes, all ſuch in thair congregatiouns as traveling to forraine countreyis ar ſuſpect of religioune, and ſuch vtheris as have heirtofor refuiſed or abſented thame ſelfis from the communioune, to communicate betwix and the fyfteinth day of Auguſt. Lyk as the brethren ordained to

dilate immediatelie thairafter to my Lord Archbiſhop, ſuch as ſalbe found to refuis or withdraw thame ſelfis.

Vniformitie of Diſcipline.—Forſamikle as the diverſitie of proceiding in Diſcipline in dyveris kirkis, breedis offens and grudges in the hartis both of the miniſtrie and alſo of the people; thairfor, and to the end that thair may be ane vniformitie of miniſtratioune of diſcipline throghout the haill kirkis of this preſent Synode, it wes thocht meitt that certaine brethren be nominate, to quhom the charg of effectuating the ſaid work ſalbe committed. The nominatione alwayes continowed to the next meitting.

Commoune Box.—Item, to the end that thair may be in tyme coming, ane mean redy and at hand for releiffe and help of poor brether, widowes, fatherles, and vtheris in neceſſitie, It is concludit, that ane Commoune Box be provydit, and had heirafter, to the quhilk, evrie brother ſall impute at ilk Synode according to his moyen and abilitie, and the firſt payment to be the next inſewing Synode; and for this effect, the brethren, ordained and appoynted to tak and collect the names of the defunctis, ar injoyned to gif vp the rentallis of the haill kirkes within thair boundis, that accordinglie the contributioune may be.

Vniformitie of Diſcipline.—Item, for ſetting downe ane vniformitie of Diſcipline, the Aſſemblie nominates Mr. William Coupar, Mr. William Malcolme, Mr. Alexander Kinninmounth, Mr. Henrie Fullertowne, Mr. Androw Ramſay, Jhone Erſkine, the Biſhop of Kaytnes, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrik Lyndeſy, Mr. Henrie Philp, Mr. Androw Clayhills, Mr. Jhone Mitchelſoune, Mr. Robert Buchannan, the Rector of the Vniverſitie, the Proveſt of the New College, Mr. William Murray, perſone of Craill, and Mr. David Williamſone, quho ſall cairfullie reid and digeſt ſuch things as may ſerve for the effect foirſaid; and being all convenit, or at leiſt nyne of thame, within the citie of St. Androis, with my Lord Archbiſhop, ſall conferr in commoune thair particular laboures and travellis, and condiſcend vpon ane ſolide ordour to be preſented to the next Aſſemblie, and obſerved vniverſallie in all tym coming. And appoyntis the ſecound Tyſday of Auguſt for thair firſt meitting.

Penalties.—Lykwayes the foirnamed brethren ar ordained to condiſcend vpon certane penalties, to be exacted of ſuch as ſalbe found abſent from

the Exerceis vpon the dayes appoynted thairto; as alſo, vpon ſuch as failzie to mak the Exerceis, Additioune, or intreat the Commoune-Head of doctrine, according as thei ar injoyned in thair courſes.[1]

George Small excommunicat.—Item, the brethren directed be the ſaid Synode to my Lord Earle Mareſhall, for cauſing his Lordſhip remove from him Georg Small excommunicate, reportit, that my Lord had put him from his companie altogether.

Petitio Mr. Davidis Lyndeſay.—Anent the ſuitt of Mr. David Lyndeſay, miniſter at Leith, craving that Mr. Simeon Durie, ſucceiding to him in the miniſtrie at Forgound, may refound to him the charges of the Mans of the ſaid kirk; It wes thocht meitt, that thei ſowld ilkane of thame nominate two brethren, to quhom the deciſioune of that mater ſalbe committed, havand interponed lykwayes the awthoritie of the Aſſemblie: Mr. David nominate the Rector of the Vniverſitie and Mr. Jhone Kynneir, Mr. Simeon nominate the Goodman of Kirktowne and Mr. Joſuah Durie, promittand to ſtand at ther delyverans, and my Lord Archbiſhop nominate oddiſman and overſman.

Lawrens Farguſſone inceſtuous.—The foirſaid day, Lawrens Farguſſone, in the parochine of Kirkaldie, lawfullie warned and callit, compeired, quho confeſſed that he had committed the moſt filthie cryme of inceſt with Jonet Young; quhairanent my Lord Archbiſhop and Aſſemblie foirſaid ordained, that ſeeing the civill judge hes ſpaired his lyf, quhairof, be the law of God and of this kingdome, he ſowld be depryved, he ſall pas ilk Saboth day from kirk to kirk, *per circulum*, throghout the haill kirkes in the boundis of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie, according as he ſalbe injoyned be the brethren of the ſamine, and that in ſackcloth for the ſpace of ane yeir compleitt, without any intermiſſioune of dayes, vntill the next dioceſian Aſſemblie, to be holdin (God willing) in St. Androis,

[1] It appears to have been the practice at the meeting of Presbyteries, before proceeding to the ordinary business, for one of the brethren to make the *Exerceis*, that is, critically to analyse a prescribed text in the original language of Scripture, from which he demonstrated certain prominent points of religion; and for another to *add*, or make the *addition*, as it was technically called, being an illustrative discourse on the text so handled; while a third discussed the common points of doctrine.

in the moneth of Apryl 1612; at the quhilk tyme the ſaid Lawrens ſall compeir befoir the ſaid Synode, to the end, that if the brethren foirſaid, ſall declair his vnfained repentans, manifeſted be his willing, humble, and conſtant obediens, he may be abſolved; vtherwayes, the dayes of his publict ſatiſfactioune to be multiplied, as ſalbe thocht expedient.

Darſie.—Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd, admitted miniſter at Darſie, in room of Mr. James Ywill, deceaſed.

Georg Kermeg.—George Kermeg, trilaps in adulterie, in the parochine of Kinneff, lawfullie ſummoned to this day, called, compeired not. He is therfor ordained to be inſiſted againſt be the cenſures of the Kirk; as alſo, to be ſummoned to compeir befoir the High Commiſſioune, that he may be puniſhed in his body and guids.

Tranſportatione, A. Ramſay, R. Marchiſton, A. Simſone.—My Lord Archbiſhop and preſent Synode, vpon good and weghtie conſiderations granted, and be thir preſents grantis, to Mr. Androw Ramſay, miniſter at Arbuthnot, Mr. Richart Marchiſtoune, miniſter at Edzell, and Mr. Alexander Simſone, miniſter at Conveth, libertie of tranſportatione from the ſaids kirks *respectivè*, at quhat tyme it ſall pleis God to offer commodious and fitt occaſiounes of imployment of thame in vther places.

Petitio Mr. J. Thomſon.—Anent the ſuitt of Mr. James Thomeſone, miniſter at Kilmainie, that regard may be had to his mein moyen and travellis, takin with thois that have entres to augment the ſame in ſome reaſonable maner, that ſa he may be able to attend his charge, It wes concludit that, *primo quoque tempore*, the ſaid kirk be viſited, and travellis takin for removing the ſaid Mr. James his greives; as alſo, according as occaſioune ſall offer, and my Lord Archbiſhop ſall in the viſitatione find convenient, to grant licence of tranſportatione to the ſaid Mr. James.

Petitio Kylrinnie.—Anent the ſupplicatione giffen in be the parochiners of Kilrinnie, for Mr. James Melvill, thair miniſter, that he may be reſtored to thame, my Lord Archbiſhop declared, that he had written to the Kings Majeſtie for that effect, but had not effectuate it. The Aſſemblie, as yet, requeiſted his Lordſhip to inſiſt.[1]

[1] Mr. James Melvill, a wise and discreet man, was at this time confined in Berwick by the

Petitio Conveth.—Anent the ſupplicatione of the parochiners of Conveth,[1] that ſome ordour may be takin, that ane competent moyen may be dealt for to thair miniſter, quho is not able vtherwayes to continow in his ſervice, it is concludit, that my Lord Archbiſhop ſall appoynt ane dyett, at the quhilk the Maiſteris of the New College, perſons of the parochine, ſall convein with the gentlemen thairof, for ſetling the contraverſies among thame, and making out ane ſtipend to the miniſter; and that the Rector of the Vniverſitie, the Lairdis of Kynnaird and Balcolmie, and Mr. Arthour Futhie, viſitoures of the ſaid College, ſall aſſiſt his Lordſhip in the ſaid actioune.

Queſtio.—The queſtione, Quhidder ane perſone, havand committed ane capitall cryme, quhairby he may not have *tutum acceſſum* to ſatiſfie the diſcipline of the Kirk, being requyred and ſummoned to compeir and ſatiſfie as ſaid is, and not compeirand, ſalbe declared contumax, and accordinglie proceidit againſt?—is referred to [be] advyſed vpon in the Conferens.

Seſſione 4ª, *April* 4.

Queſtioune.—Anent the queſtioune propoundit, Quhidder ane perſone havand committed, *etc. vt ſupra*, the Aſſemblie, after mature deliberatioune, finding many probable argumentis *pro et contra*, thocht meitt that the queſtioune be as better advyſed vpon, and for that effect ordained the brethren, appoynted for ſetting downe the Vniformitie of Diſcipline, to conſult and advys with vtheris of thair brethren, and report thair judgment at thair meiting, the ſecund Tyſday of Auguſt; at quhilk tyme, havand diſpute the ſaid queſtioune, they ſall report thair judgment to the next inſewing Synode. And to the end thair be no practeis, in the mean tyme, contraire to the law to be condiſcendit vpon, it is concludit that all ſuch actiounes ſall ceis to the ſaid Synode.

Queſtioune.—Item, the queſtioune, Quhidder ane perſone accuſed of ane capitall cryme be holdin to purg himſelf be his ſolemne oath?—referred to

King's order, for refusing to conform to Episcopacy. He died there in 1614. His DIARY, a curious and valuable work, was printed for the BANNATYNE CLUB in 1829.

[1] Now called Laurencekirk, in Kincardineshire.

be advyſed vpon be the foirnamed brethren, and reported be thame the ſaid ſecound Tyſday of Auguſt, and fra that tyme to the Synode above ſpecified.

Gleib, Ferrie.—Anent the gleib of the kirk of the Ferrie of Portuncraig, the brethren of the Exerceis of St. Androis ar ordained to deall with the Laird of Durie for the peaciable obtaining of the ſame.

Petitio, Archbald, William, David, Thomas Ogilvies.—Anent the ſuitt of Archbald, William, Thomas, and David Ogilvies, proporting, that thei, being moſt penitent for the ſlaughter of vmquhile Jhone Piggot, committed be thame, for the quhilk caus thei wer excommunicate be the Exerceis of Megill, had done all that thei ar able to reconcile thame ſelfis to God and his Kirk; and for that effect, had not only obtained tham ſelfis to be relaxed from his Hienes horne, but alſo maid, above thair poweris, offers for aſſythement to the partie; nochtwithſtanding thei ſtill continow obſtinate, refuiſing altogether to heir any offeris, as the act of the ſaid Exerceis, vnder ſubſcriptioune of Mr. George Pitullo, clerk thairto, preferred to the Aſſemblie, bearis, to quhome, be the ſaid act, it is referred; craved thairfoir, that vpon the conſideratione of the premiſſes, thei may be abſolved from the ſaid ſentens of excommunicatioune;—It wes concludit that the brethren of the Exerceis of Megill, yet as befoir, ſall deall with the parties, quhome if thai ſtill find to continow obſtinate, then and in that cais thei ſall tak the band of the ſaidis Archbald, William, Thomas, and David Ogilvies for making payment of the ſoumes alredy offered, quhen the partie ſalbe willing to accept; and further, at the ſight, and be the modificatioune of the Gudmen of Litleblair, Crunan, and Jurdingſton, quhairvpon thai ſalbe abſolved be Mr. William Malcolme vpon thair repentans in the kirk of Airlie.

Queſtioune.—The queſtioune propoundit be the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth, Quhat forme of tryall ſalbe vſed of ane woman, quho, being ſuſpect to have borne a bairne in inceſt, fatheris the ſame vpon ane man in Elgine of Murray, quhair thair is nane of ſuch name, nether at any tyme wes thair ane ſuch ſein in the place of her reſidence?—It wes anſwerit, that if ſho willinglie offer her aith, thei tak it, vtherwayis that ſho, at her repentans making, gif her ſolemne declaratioune of that ſho hes affirmed.

Da. Beatoun.—Compeired David Beatoun of Carſgownie, ſummoned to

this day, accuſed of not communicating in his paroche kirk of Aberlemno, excuſed him ſelf be his abſens out of the countrey. Mr. Jhone Lyndſay, miniſter, is ordained to mak intimatioun to him of the tyme appoyntit for the Communioune, and requyre him ordourlie thairto.

Regraitt Scone.—Anent the complaint and regraitt of the brethren of the miniſtrie of the Abbacie of Scone, that my Lord of Scone refuiſes altogether to furniſh the Elements to the Communione, they ar advyſed to rays letteres of horning for charging, *etc.* As alſo, the Aſſemblie ſall direct thair ſupplicatioun to the Lordis of Secreit Counſall to the effect foirſaid.

Commoune Bible.—Forſamikle as it wes thocht expedient that thair be in evrie kirk ane commoune Byble, It wes concludit that evrie brother ſall vrge his parochinares to buy ane of the Bybles laitlie printed be Androw Hart. And the brother failzeing, ether to caus buy ane, as ſaid is, or ellis to gif in his exact diligence, ſall pay at the next Synode ſex libs. money.

Habites.—Item, it wes ſtatute and ordained that evrie brother of the miniſtrie within the boundis of this Synode, ſall heirafter reſort to all thair meitings, alſweil in Exerceis as Synode, in ſuch habites as ar contained and preſcryved be the Act of Parliament, and that vnder the penaltie thairin contained.

Tryall of the Brethren.

Tryall.—Public proclamatioun being maid at the for yett of the College, requyring and charging all perſones havand any thing to lay to the charge of the Brethren of the preſent Aſſemblie, or any of thame, to compeir and object the ſame: None compeirand, the brethren wer removed be courſes, as followes.

The miniſteris of the kirkis of Durris, Fordowne, Fetterreſſo, Kinnef, Egliſgreig, Fetterkairne, Edzell, Logie, Aberlemno, Kinnell, Raſcobie, Inneraritie, removed for tryall. It wes only objected againſt the miniſter of Fetterkairne, that he makis not reſidens on mans and gleib. To the quhilk it wes anſwerit, the Synodall Aſſemblie, holdin at Arbroth in September laſt, having, for remedie of his non reſidens, being imployed many tymes in the affaires of the Kirk and Kings Majeſtie, provydit that

ane fellow labourer be planted at the ſaid kirk, he hes obeyed the ſaid ordinans, and preſented Mr. Williame Wiſhart, of quhome thei ar preſentlie in tryall.

The miniſteris of Nig, Arbuthnot, Dunnottar, Benholme, Conveth, Garvock, Tannadeis, Forfar, Kinnettels, Glames, Killimure, Airlie, removed for tryall. It wes only objected that the miniſter of Forfar is not in poſſeſſioun of his gleib: Quhilk wes ordained to be deſigned to him *primo quoque tempore.* Item, the miniſter of Nig, reſident in Aberdein, ordained, at leiſt, to continow the kirk in poſſeſſioune of the gleib by labouring the ſame.

The miniſteris of Eſſie, Nevay, Newtyl, Ketins, Fowles, Forgound, Manifuith, Inchbryok, Lownan, Innerkeilour, Arbroth, St. Vigean, Arbirlott, Idvie, removed. It wes only objected, that Arbroth wantis mans and gleib, being deſigned but not poſſeſſed. Ethie wants ane gleib, quhilk is ordained to be deſigned. Raſcobie wantis two akeris of the gleib, quhilk is to be deſigned. Newtyl ordained to inſiſt for the proper mans and gleib.

The miniſteris of Barrie, Mains, Liff, Muirhous, Rind, Kilſpindie, Inſhtuir, Kynnaird, Perth, Loncardy, Methwen, Dunbug, Collace, Blair, removed for tryall. It wes found neceſſar, in reſpect of the ſclandrous lyf of the Laird of Kilſpindie and uther diſordouris, that the kirk of Kilſpindie be viſited *primo quoque tempore.* Siclyk that the kirk of Kinnowl be planted with diligens. Kynnaird wantis mans and gleib; my Lord Archbiſhop is to deſyre, be letter, the Laird of Kynnaird to nominate one or two quhom he pleaſis, to reaſone with ſuch of the miniſtrie as his Lordſhip ſall appoynt, concerning the lawfulnes of the deſignatione, that ſa it may be in peace.

The miniſteris of Forteviott, Dumbarnie, Creich, Monimeill, Colleſſie, Ebdie, Carnoch, Dumfermling, Kirkaldie, Dyſert, Weymes, Cleiſh, Cambuſmichael, Scoone, removed for tryall. It wes only objected, that the kirk of Scoone wantis mans and gleib.

The miniſteris of Fliſk, Balmerinoch, Kilmenie, Logie, Ferrie Portuncraig, Lewcharis, Saintandrois, Forgownd, Cyres, Largo, Abercrombie, Carnebie, removed. It wes only objected, that Carnebie wantis ane pairt of

the juſt gleib, quhairanent the miniſter declared, that he had perſewed according to his deſignatione, and ane interloquitor had paſt againſt him befoir the Lordis. Lyk as, he wes reſolved that he wold not prevaill in the actioune, quhilk he had left for that caus. Kinros and Ferrie wantis ane gleib, quhairwith ordour is to be takin at thair particular viſitatiouns.

The miniſteris of Cupar, Dinninow, Kemback, Anſtruther, Pittinweym, Caraill, Qult, Lathreis, Forther, Auchtermuchtie, Markinch, Vruall, Auchterdiray, Ballingray, Falkland, Kingleſſie, Bruntiland, Muckart, Torrie, removed. It wes only objected, that Vruall wantis ane perfyt gleib; quhilk is ordained to be deſigned at the viſitatione.

Gleibs.—It wes concludit, that all defectis in manſis and gleibis ſalbe takin ordour with at the viſitatiouns.

Proveſt, Awld College.—Item, That the Proveſt of the Awld College ſall, fra this tyme foorth, be of the Exerceis of St. Androis.

Exerceis at Forfarr.—Item, It wes concludit that my Lord Archbiſhop, at his going to Angus, to the viſitatione of the kirkes, ſall found and erect ane Exerceis to be holdin in the burgh of Forfare, for the eas and commoditie of the brethren next adjacent thairto, quho are not able to reſort ane gryt ſpace of the yeir to the places quhairto heirtofoir thei have bein aſtricted; as alſo for reformatioune of that pairt of the countrey. This being alwayes without the demoliſhing of the Exerciſes already eſtabliſhed.

Books, Exerceis.—Item, It wes ſtatute and ordained that the bookes of evrie Exerceis be produced at ilk Synode in tyme comming, to the end the proceſs may be cenſured.

Expectantis.—The names of Expectantis within the boundis of this Synode, beſyd thois quho wer alreadie giffen vp, ar theis, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Jhone Lawmounth; In Dumfermling, Mr. Jhone Burnet; Pearth, Mr. Alexander Balneves; Merns, Mr. Jhone Pigott, Mr. William Davidſon; Brechine, Mr. Thomas Ramſay.

Moderatouris.—My Lord Archbiſhop nominate moderatoris of the Exerciſes to the next Synode; for Meirns, Mr. Androw Ramſay; Megill, the Biſhop of Dunkeld, and in his abſens, Mr. Alexander Kinninmounth, the Biſhop of Brechine to moderate quhen he is preſent; Dundie, the Biſhop of Brechine, and in his abſens, Mr. Androw Clayhills; Arbroath, Mr.

Arthour Futhie; Pearth, the Bifhop of Dunkeld, and in his abfens, Mr. William Coupar; Dumfermling, Mr. Androw Frofter; Kirkaldie, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfoune; Coupar, Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch; and Saintandrois, Mr. David Monypennie.

Next Synode.—The next Synode to be holdin in Arbroth the firft Tyfday of October.

Thankis giffen to God be the faid rycht Reverend Father in God, and prayer earneftlie conceived for continowans of his grace with his Kirk, our Kings Majeftie, the minifteris and all trew profeffouris: the Affemblie diffolved in peace.

J. GUTHRIE, *minifter at Arbirlott, clerk to the forfaid Synode.*

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF BARRIE, THE TENT DAY OF APRYLL 1611.

Tryell of Mr. Johne Gardyne.—The quhilk day, after invocatione of Gods holy name, and doctrine delyverit be the faid rycht Reverend Father, Mr. Jhone Gardine, minifter, wes removed, vpon quhom, after inquyrie, it wes found be the brethren prefent and Seffiouneris, that thair lyeth ane public and commoune fclander of fornicatione with Elfpat Balfour, relict of vmquhile Jhone Clerk; for tryall quhairof, feing the faid Elfpat hes bein the authour of the fame, it wes thocht meitt that fho be inquyred. Sho thairfor being called, compeired, and being demandit anent the parent of the bairne, and fpeciallie if the faid Mr. Jhone had carnall copulatione with her, denyed the fame. Compeired ficlyk, James Balfour in Pambryd, brother to the faid Elfpat, conftantlie affirming, being inquyred, that his faid fifter had fworne to him, that fhe had never to do with any man fince the deceis of her faid vmquhile houfband, exceptand Mr. Jhone Gardine. The fame wes deponed be Jhone Gray in Revinfbie. The faid Mr. Jhone being inquyred anent the fclander, if he had carnall deall with the faid Elfpat, denyed.

Forfamikle as it is opinlie reported in the countrey, that dyvers of the Seffioune have dealt with the faid Elfpat for caufing her avow the bairne to belong to another, and deny that the faid Mr. Jhone had carnall deall with her, thairfoir it wes concludit that the haill number prefent, alfweill

of the Miniſterie as Seſſioune, ſall, vpon thair ſolemne oath, declair quhat thei know ether of the fact itſelfe, or of any dealing betuix the parties for ſuppreſſing the veritie: quhilk being done, and no light gottin, Mr. Jhone wes ordained preſentlie to purge him ſelf be his oath. And becaus he refuiſed to do the ſame, thairfoir it wes ſtatute and ordained, that if, vpon Fryday the nynteinth day of this inſtant, he preſent not him ſelf befoir the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth, and declair his reſolutioune, and offer to purge him ſelf be oath *conceptis verbis*, as is after ſett downe, then as now, and now as then, he ſalbe ſuſpendit from his miniſtrie.

Tenor Juramenti.—I, Mr. Jhone Gardine, miniſter at Barrie, ſweir ſolemnlie befoir God everlaſting, and as I ſall anſwer to my Saviour Jeſus at the gryt day of Judgment, I declair by my gryt oath, that I had never carnall deall with Elſpat Balfour, relict of vmquhile Jhone Clerk in Baſkellie, at any tyme ſince the deceis of her ſaid vmquhile huſband befoir this preſent hour: Sa ſaiff me God if I ſpeak the veritie, and condemne me for ever if I conceill the truth, or ſpeik ane lie.

Quhilk oath, if the ſaid Mr. Jhone ſall willinglie offer, then and in that cais, the moderator of the Exerceis of Arbroth is ordained, on the Saboth following, to pas to the kirk of Barrie, and after doctrine propoundit be him ſelf in the foirnoone, to accept the oath in maner above ſpecified, and thairvpon the ſaid Mr. Jhone to be abſolved; but failzeing of the ſaid Mr. Jhone his offer, as is above expreimit, the decreitt of ſuſpenſioune to ſtand, as ſaid is.

At Forfar the 16 day of Apryl 1611.

Plantatioune of Dunlappie.—Mr. Georg Donaldſone, miniſter at Lochlie, admitted miniſter to the kirk of Dunlappie, being preſented be Hepburn of Waughtoune, vndowted patrone of the ſaid kirk.

Erectioune of Exerceis at Forfar.—The foirſaid day, according to ane ordinans and concluſioune of the Dioceſian Synode, holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laſtbypaſt, the ſaid ryght reverend father, with advys foirſaid, finding it verie neceſſar that ane Exerceis be had within the burgh of Forfar, alſweill for the eas of the brethren of the miniſtrie quho

ar not able convenientlie to repair to ſuch places quhairto, in the tyme bygane, thei have bein aſtricted, as for reformatione of the pairtes of the countrey nereſt adjacent, thairfor erected and foundit ane Exerceis, to meitt and aſſemble within the kirk of the ſaid burgh of Forfar, to bruik, ioys and exerce ſuch priviledges as accordis with the actis of the Kirk, and as vtheris Exerciſes within the countrey lawfulie injoy, in preaching and exponing the Word of God, exerceſing of diſcipline, *etc.*—conſiſting alwayes of the kirkes following, thei ar to ſay, Forfar, Dunnichtin, Raſcobie, Inneraritie, Mathie, Aberlemnoth, Tannadeis, Kellimuir, Cortoquhy, Glames, Kinnettells, Kirkbuddo, Idvie.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OFF PEARTH VPON THE 18 DAY OF APRYL 1611.

Tryell, Mr. J. Malcolm.—Maiſter Jhone Malcolme, miniſter, found reſident; to teach on the Saboth, his text Dan. ix. 4, 19, and Thurſday his text, ; being removed, and wes allowed. As alſo the pedell at the kirk durr requyring all and ſundrie, according to the edict, quho had any thing to lay to his charge, to compeir and object the ſame: nane compeired.

Mr. W. Coupar.—Maiſter William Coupar, miniſter,[1] found reſident; Item, to teach vpon the Saboth, his text Jerem. 8, and vpon Tyſday, his text Apec. 13. Being removed for tryall, was allowed of.

Seik.—Item, it wes heavilie regraited be the miniſteris, that no advertiſment is maid to thame of diſeas and ſicknes of many within the congregatioune; concerning quhilk the actis wes condeſcendit vpon.

Na diſobedientis found to diſcipline. The Saboth weill keiped. The Communioune celebrate ane yeir ſince.

Thair wes found no perſounes noncommunicantis nor excommunicate—no witches, nor dealeris with thame.

Poor.—Item, it wes found that the poor ar provydit and caired for. Andro Grant and Williame Williamſone, maiſteris of the Hoſpitall.

The kirk and fabrick thairof found to be in good caice, and thairin no ordinar buriall.

[1] Afterwards Bishop of Galloway.

Proviſioune.—Mr. Jhone Malcolme[1] his proviſioune is two hundreth libs. and two chalderis aittes foorth of the Pryorie of Charterhous. Mr. William Coupar has of the Towne his proviſioun, viz. ane hous, certane coalis, and fyv^c libs. money.

Mans and Gleib.—Item, it wes found that thair is ane mans but no gleib, the neiraſt kirkland being allotted to the hoſpitallis and poor in thame. It is to be advyſed quhat ſall be done heiranent.

Requiſitioune to ſweir, etc.—Forſamikle as thair ar dyvers within this congregatioune who have travellit in forraine countreyis, It is ſtatute and ordained, that ſuch as have not giffen confeſſioune of thair fayth, be requyred *primo quoque tempore* to give the ſame.

Contract.—It wes ſtatute and ordained that heirafter all contractis of perſons to be ioyned in mariage be maid publictlie in the Seſſioune; the parties being firſt tryed vpon thair knowledg of the Lords Prayer, Beleiff, and Ten Commandis. And having promiſed to continow in the profeſſioune of the truth, as it is preſentlie in this country, to thair lyves end.

Mr. Al. Balnevis.—Mr. Alexander Balnevis[2] found to have miniſtred the ſacrament of baptiſme, being diſcharged thairfra, for the quhilk caus he wes gravelie rebuiked, and ordained nocht to meddle with the miniſtratione of baptiſme till it pleis God he be admitted to the miniſtrie.

19 *Apryle* 1611.—*Kinnowll.*—Mr. Ninian Drummond ordained miniſter of Kinnowll, and inveſted with the mans and gleib of the ſaid kirk, as thei ly on the weſt ſyd thairof.

The Visitatioune of the Kirk of Rascobie vpon the 21 Aprilis 1611.

Miniſter.—Efter doctrine and invocatione of Godis holy name be the ſaid rycht reverend father, Mr. Jhone Spalding, miniſter, wes found to teach anis vpon the Sabboth; his text the Commandementis, precept 1,

[1] The author of a Commentary in Latin on the Acts of the Apostles, printed at Middleburgh, 4to. 1615.

[2] At this time he was Reader at Perth; and afterwards minister of Tippermoor?

and to catecheis in the afternoone. Being removed, wes approved *in omnibus*. The Eldaris ficlyke being removed, wer allowed.

Commiſſioune.—It being regraited be thame that thei gett no payment of the penalties quhairin offenderis ar convict, They ar ordained with diligens to purchas ane Commiſſioune, quhairin ſalbe the Miniſter, the Lairdis of Cars, Strickmartine, Turings, and William Gray of Pitſcandlie; and that thei creat thair pedell thair Court officiar. And the perſons abovenamed ſall, with thair Miniſter, have power to change and renew the Seſſioune yeirly as thei ſall find meitt.

P. Gwyld.—Patrik Gwild diſobedient to the diſcipline, being convict of breach of the Saboth be theiking ane hous, ſummoned to this day, compeired, promiſed obediens, as in publict ſatiſfactioune, ſa in payment of his penaltie, and diligent keiping the kirk in all tyme coming.

Saboth.—The Saboth in harveſt is found to be [ill] kept: Ordinans aggreitt vpon for giffing ane day to the tennants.[1] Siclyk, that the milnes ſtay from grinding at any tyme on the Saboth, vnder the penaltie of the tranſgreſſour, ether in working in herveſt, or grinding, of xx ſ.

Communioune, etc.—The Communioune celebrate in the moneth of Apryl laſt. No noncommunicantis or excommunicantis; no papiſtes or thair reſaitteris; no witches, or conſulteris with thame.

Scole.—It is found that thair Scole deſertit at the terme of Mertimes laſt, and that for want of moyen: Quhairanent the commoune ordour wes condeſcendit vpon.

Buriall.—It wes ſtatute and ordained that no les penaltie be exacted of ſuch as ſall burie any, or have buried any perſone within the kirk then ten ſibs. and that no cautione be takin for payment thairof, but ether preſent payment, or ane pledg of ſufficient avayl.[2]

[1] It appears to have been the custom for farm-labourers, under the designation of *cotters* or *tenants*, to receive from the proprietor or tacksman a portion of ground, in lieu of wages, which they cultivated for their own use. As their time was devoted to their masters during the week, Sunday was the only day they had for labouring it. The ordinance of the Synod was to prevent this breach of the Sabbath, by obtaining for them a week day (Saturday) for that purpose. See entry 2d Sept. 1611.

[2] The Assembly, at an early period after the Reformation, denounced the custom of interment within the church as a Romish superstition, and punished transgressors with heavy censures.

Kirk dykes.—It is ſtatute that the kirk-yard dykes be bigged befoir Lambes next, according to the Act of Parliament, quhilk failzeing, that letteris be rayſed for compelling thame.

Gleib.—Anent the gleib deſigned perfytlie, and poſſeſſed only in part, the Miniſter is ordained to inſiſt in the actioun alreidie intendit be him.

Regiſteris.—Item, thei ar ordained to have ane Seſſioun buik, authentik and formall, and ane Regiſter of the baptized, maried and defunct.

Catechiſing.—Item, for cairfull keiping the tymes appoynted to evrie part of the parochine to come to be catechiſed, It is ſtatute that ilk perſone abſent ſall pay 4 d.

Item, regraitt being maid concerning ſervants, that thei ar often abſent from the kirk and divine ſervice, It is ſtatute that the maiſteris ſalbe countable to the Seſſioune for thame.

The kirk is ane kirk of the Archdeanrie of St. Androis, havand provydit thairto the vicariage, and fyve chalderis of victuall.

THE VISITATIONE OF THE KIRK OF FETTERCAIRNE, 24 APRIL, 1611.

Mr. William Wiſhart was admitted miniſter.

Miniſter.—Mr. Alexander Forbes, perſone, found not reſident, quhilk is ſupplied be the plantatioune above ſpecifiet, according to the ordinans of the Synode holdin in Aberbrothok in the moneth of September laſt-bypaſt. He teaches anis vpon the Saboth; his text Col. 1.

Mr. William Wiſhart is ordained to teach the Goſpell written be St. Luke from the beginning.

Milnes.—The Saboth declared to be weill keiped, except be the going of the milnes. They ar ordained to inſiſt againſt the breakeris, and dilate ſuch as obey nocht, to my Lord Archbiſhop, that thei may be puniſhed be the High Commiſſioune.

In 1576, the question "qwither if burialls sould be in the kirk or not?" was answered by the Assembly in the negative, "and that the contraveeners be suspendit from the benefits of the kirk, quhill they make publik repentance." Mr. William Birnie, Minister of Lanark, published in 1606 an elaborate work condemnatory of the practice, under the title of "The Blame of Kirk-Buriall tending to persvvade Cemiteriall Civilitie;" which was reprinted as a literary curiosity in 1833.

The communioune celebrat 15 April 1610. No noncommunicantis, or excommunicantis. Na papiſtes.

Mr. Patrik Lyndeſay.—It wes reported that Mr. Patrik Lyndeſay, brother to the Laird of Vayne, quho is verie ſcandalous evrie maner of way, reſortis oftentymes in this parochine, and in dyvers uther parochins neir adjacent. It wes thairfoir ordained, that the brethren of the miniſtrie in quhat parochin ſoever thei ſall find him, ſall charge him vpon fyftein dayes to compeir befoir the Lordis of the High Commiſſioune, and ſall immediatlie after the charge adverteis my Lord Archbiſhop.

Witch.—Thair is ſome motioune of ane man ſuſpect of witchcraft, in the tryall quhairof thei ar to inſiſt.

Newdoſk.—Item, forſamikle as the parochinars of Newdoſk, not havand kirk or miniſter, have bein and ar in vſe to repair to this kirk, and reſave the benefites thairin of the Word and Sacramentis; thairfoir, it is ſtatute and ordained that thei ſall contribute with the parochinaris of Fettercairne for intertainement of the Scole and reparatione of the Kirk. This alwayes not to preiudg thame from obtaining thair awin kirk to be bwyldit and provydit, at quhilk tyme thei ſalbe fried from contributing with the paroch of Fettercairne.

Poor.—The poor ar found to be intertained be ilk gentleman in his awin boundis.

The miniſter ordained to give vp the names of adultereris.

Buriall.—Item, it is ſtatute that thei exact no les penaltie of ſuch as ſall burie any perſone in the kirk then ten merkis.

The proviſioune of the kirk is twelf ſcoir ſibs. in perſonage, and fourtie ſibs. the vicarage. He is inhibite to ſett any tackis without conſent and knawledg of my Lord Archbiſhop. Thair is poſſeſſed only ane aiker and ane ruid of land; the reſt is deſigned but not poſſeſſed, in reſpect of the Laird of Lawringſtowne his being in Ingland, of quhais land the ſame muſt be takin. The perſone ordainit with diligens to vrge poſſeſſioun.

The Visitatioune of the Kirk of Kilmainie the sevint day of Maii 1611.

Miniſter.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name be the

ſaid Reverend Father, Mr. James Thomſone wes found to teache on the Sabbaoth day befoir none, and catechiſis efter none. His text, the Epiſtle of St. James at the thrid chapter. Being removed is approvin *in omnibus et per oram.* Syclyk the Elderis and Deacones, being removed, wer allowed and approvin.

Na Meatt ſauld under pane of xx ſ.—That nane within the toun of Kilmanie ſell meatt or drink on the Sabbaoth day, in tyme of preaching or catechiſing, under pane of xx ſ.

Drunkards.—That ilk drunkard within the paroche pay vj ſ. viij đ. ilk tyme that thai be fund drunkin; and to mak thair publict repentance.

Catechiſing.—Abſentis from the catechiſing to pay as followis, viz. the cotter xij đ.; the huſband man or woman, or thair bernis or ſervandis, to pay ij ſ.; and the gentlemen and wemen, and thair bernis and ſervandis, to pay vj ſ. viij đ.

Almes.—The collectioun of the almes at the kirk dore diſtributed according to the neceſſitie of the puire.

Witches, Papiſts, &c.—Na witches, nor conſulteris with witches. Na papiſtes, nor reſaitteris of them.

Excommunicantis, Diſobedients.—Na excommunicatts, nor noncommunicantis. Na diſſobedientis.

Reſſaitt of Servands.—That na cotter nor ſervand, man or woman, be reſaved nor admitted within the paroche without ane autentik teſtimoniall of the miniſter of the paroche thai cum fra; and if thai be, the reſſaitteris to pay the ſervandis fie or boll.

Buriall.—No buriall to be within the kirk, vnder pane of x ℔.

Mans.—The Miniſter non reſident for want of his Mans.

Stipend.—His preſent ſtipend and proviſioun lxxxviij ℔., and out of the . . . . xiiij ℔.

Condition for Augmentatioun thairof.—Becaws *ipſa corpora* of the vicarrage ar not tane vp for helping the miniſteris ſtipend, It is ordenit, with conſent of the ſaidis Maiſteris of the Colledge preſent, and the parochinaris preſent, that ilk plewch of the paroche ſall pay yeirlie to the miniſter, 1 boll bair; for the quhilk caws the ſaid maiſteris are content to give to ilk fewar or huſbandman, that will crave and requyre, ane thrie or fyve yeiris

tak of thair teindis, conteining ane claufe irritant, that incaice thai pay not the dewtie contenit in thair takis thankfullie and tymoufly, at the termes of payment thairin contenit, vfed and wont, the tak to be null. Sic as will not confent to the conditiounes foirfaid, to have no takis, bot to be perfewit for fpoliatioun, &c.

Vagabundis.—That no vagabundis, men or wemen, be reffait within the paroche, under pane of xx ſ.

Feghters, Fornicators, Breakers of the Sabbaoth.—That ilk feighter, fornicator, and prophaner of the Sabbaoth day, fall pay for ilk fault, xx ſ.

Byble.—The minifter ordenit to caws the parochinaris bye ane new Byble, under the pane contenit in the act of the Affemblie, and that befoir the nixt Affemblie.

Junij 30, 1611.—Mr. David Gudlatt admitted minifter of Eglifmachen.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF STRATHBROK[1] 1 JULY 1611.

Minifter tryed.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name be the faid rycht Reverend Father, the edict, with the executioun thairof for intimatioun of the faid Vifitatioun, wes exhibit. The Minifter his text ordinar is the Gofpell of Luke, the 2 chap.; he teaches anis on the Sabbaoth, and fumtymes ofter, as the people can be convenit. He is removed, and efter tryell had be the Archbifchop, of the brethren of the miniftrie and elderis, he is approvin in lyffe, doctrine, and converfatioun.

Commiffioun.—The minifter is ordenit to get ane commiffioun for the convening of the parochineris on the Sabbaoth befor none and efternone. In the commiffioun ar to be infert my Lord Privie Seill, Mr. Johne Schairp of Houftoun, James Steward of Strabrok, and the minifter himfelf.

Menftrelling and Futeball.—Menftrelling and futeball on the Sabbaoth day in the feildis expreflie difchargeit, under the pane contenit in the actis of Parliament and Affemblie.

[1] Now called Uphall, in Linlithgowshire.

Na Excommunicattis, na Witches, na Disobedientis.—Na excommunicatts, na papistis, nor noncommunicatts; na witches nor consulteris; na disobedientis.

Visitatioun of the sick.—It is ordenit, than in ilk house quhair any sick persoun is, the elder or deacone salbe advertised thairof, and if he be not, the sick persoun, or the maister of the house, pay xx ſ. The elder or deacone being advertised and refusing, or not advertising the minister, to pay fourtie shillings; and the minister being advertised, and nocht visiting the sick, to pay for the first iij ℔.; and gif he neglect the visitatioun often, he salbe suspendit fra his ministrie.

Scoole.—It is ordenit with commoun consent, that the parochineris sall giwe among them all, for the maintenance of the Scoole and Scoolemaister yeirlie, syftie merkis, and the minister sall giwe iiij ℔s.

Deskis.—The Gudeman of Vphall and James Rennald ar ordenit to remove thair deskis that standis befoir the Gudman of Houstons Ile.

Byble.—The minister is ordenit to caws the parochineris bye ane new Byble, to be comoun in the kirk, under the paine.

Buriall.—Buriall dischargeit in the kirk, vnder the pane of xl ℔., by and attour the panes contenit in the actis of the Assemblie.

The minister is ordenit to have ane famous register for baptisme, mariage, and the names of the defunctis, with ane gude Sessioun buik.

Absentis fra Sessioun.—Ilk elder or deacone that salbe fund absent fra the Sessioun, to pay vj ſ viij ₫.; and thai that refuiss to pay, to be chargeit for xiij ſ iiij ₫., as penaltie of thair disobediens.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF LYNLYTHGOW, VPONE THE THRID JULII 1611.

Tryel of the Minister, Text.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name, be the said rycht Reverend Father, the edict, with the executionis thairof for intimatioun of this present visitatioun, was produceit. Patrick Kenloquhy,[1] auld minister, is fund to teach none for his age and infirmitie. Mr. Robert Cornewall teachis thryse in the weik; his text is in the viij

[1] Mr. Patrick Kenloquhy was one of our earliest Reformers, having been appointed to the ministry of Linlithgow, in 1560.

chapter to the Romans. He is removed. Efter tryell tane of his lyffe and doctrine, he is approven of all the parochineris prefent, and of the brethrene.

Communion, Excommunicattis, Papiftis.—The communion miniftred twyfe in the yeir. Na excommunicattis, na noncommunicantis, nor papifts, except my Lady Lynlythgow.

Witches, etc.—Na diffobedientis; na witches, nor confulteris.

Baptifme.—Baptifme miniftred ordinarly on Tyfday, and as occafioun offers at uther dyetts of doctrine and exercife.

Gleib.—The minifter, Mr. Robert Cornewall, is ordenit to perfew for the gleib vpone the defignatioun maid thairof.

Fabrick.—The fabrick of the Kirk at gude point, and the kirk-yaird deykis weill intertenit. Buriallis in the Kirk difchargeit vnder the panes following; viz. puir folk x ℔., vtheris of honeft rank to pay xx ℔.; and gentlemen or wemen to pay xl ℔.

Buriall.—And becaus findrie alledgeis infeftmentis of buriall, It is ordenit that thai fall produce the fame at the nixt Affemblie, vtherwayes not to be permitted thaireftir: and the licences grantit be the Seffioun of the kirk for buriall heirtofoir, ar prefently difchargeit expreflie; and fic as hes infeftmentis, or hes bought their buriallis, or yit helpis the intertenment and vphald of the kirk, ar permitted and licenced to keip thair rychts of buriall, till forder ordour be tane thairanent.

Scoole.—The Scoole interteined, the maifter thairof prefently tryed and approvin, viz. Mr. Robert Thomfone.

Complaint for the Sabbaoth prophaning.—It is ordenit, that a complaint and fupplication be gevin in to the Synod, for profanation of the Sabbaoth be the paffengeris and cadgeris of Glafgow and Lynlythgow, for fum gude ordour to be tane for remeid heirof.

Byble.—The kirk hes ane new common Byble and Pfalme buik.

Viccarage.—The minifter, Mr. Robert Cornewall, is viccar of the parochin of Lynlythgow, and is difchargeit to fett any takis of the viccarage, without confent of his ordinar the faid Archbifhop.

Stipend.—The kirk of Lynlythgow is ane annexed kirk of the Pryorie of St. Androis. Mr. Robert Cornewall his provifioun of ftipend prefently,

is j^c xl ℔. with ten bollis quheit, ane chalder fourteine bollis bair, twa chalder iiij bollis aittes, ſevintine bollis meill, preſently poſſeſt; and ten bollis meill ſuſpendit during my Lord of Scone his lyftyme.

Seſſioun.—The elderis or deacones that ſalbe fund abſent from the Seſſioun of the kirk, without lawfull excuſe or licence grantit, to pay for the firſt tyme vj ſ. viij d. and for the ſecund tyme xiij ſ. iiij d.

Elderis.—The names of the elderis and deacones preſently choſin to be vpone the Seſſioun. My Lord Erle of Lynlythgow, Robert Steward proveſt, George Cornewall bailie, Robert Mairtein bailie, Andro Mill younger bailie, Andro Bell bailie, Captane William Crafurd, Alexander Mure, Gilbert Mure, Andro Mill elder, George Bell, Patrik Gibbieſone, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Edvart, Andro Hunter, Dauid Baderſtone elder, Johne Adamſone, James Wach elder, James Glen and Johne Duncane: Thir for the Toun. For the landwart, Sir Johne Bruce of Kynkavell, Alexander Hamyltoun of Bynnie, Mr. Peter Kenloquhy of Kenneſtoun, William Hairt of Rickartoun, Philip Quhytheid and Patrik Keir.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF SLAMMANANE-MURE, 3 JULII 1611.

Miniſter tryed.—Mr. Thomas Ambros, miniſter, is aſked anent his text, quhilk is on the Goſpell of Matthew. He teachis in Vinter ains in the weik, viz. on Sonday befoir none; and in Sommer he teachis befoirnone, and catechiſis efternone, on the Sabbaoth day. He is removed, and efter tryell, he is approvin in his doctrine; bot is fund ſum quhat ſlandrous in his behaviour, be giffing ill exampill throw halding of hoſtelrie, and thairfoir is diſchargeit to vſe the ſame any moir heirefter.

Commiſſioun.—The miniſter ordenit to get ane Commiſſioun for puneiſching of malefactouris, as licentious livars, drunkards, prophaneris of the Sabbaoth, and vtheris, in common forme; himſelf, and any twa honeſt men of the paroche of beſt judgment, and greiteſt credit and auctoritie, to be inſert thairin.

Witches, Excommunicattis, Papiſtis.—Na witches, nor conſulteris; na diſſobedientis; na papiſtis; na excommunicattis; bot thair is ane vnder proces, Alexander Ramſay, for diſſobedience. Na noncommunicantis.

Gleib and Mans, Fabrick.—The gleib and mans poſſeſt be the miniſter. The fabrick of the kirk and kirk-yaird deikis in gude caice.

Licences for Buriall.—Na buriall to be in the kirk, vnder pane of xx ſib. Na licences to be granted for buriall, bot be the advyſe of the miniſter and the Seſſioun.

Regiſter.—The miniſter to have a formall regiſter for baptiſme, mariage, and the names of the defunctis; and to have a formall Seſſioun buik.

Scoole.—Na Scoole for want of moyen.

Bill of the Parochinaris of Morenſyd.—Ane ſupplicatioun giffin in be the parochineris of Morenſyd, complaining vpone Mr. Patrik Monypenny, miniſter at Levingſtoun, for leving the ſaid kirk of Morenſyd, and yit takand vp the ſtipend of that kirk as of the kirk of Levingſtoun, and that thai had menit themſelffis oft to the Preſbiterie of Lynlythgow: quhairunto the ſaid Mr. Patrik, anſwering, ſaid, that he culd not ſerve at that kirk, haveing no ſtipend, as was thair verified be the miniſteris of the ſaid Preſbiterie of Lynlythgow then preſent, and that he had deburſit dyvers gryt ſowmes of money for procuring a ſtipend and proviſioun to the ſaid kirk, and yit culd not obtein it. And thairfoir the ſaid Reverend Father, with advyſe of the remanent brethren of the ſaid viſitatioun, decernit and ordenit the parochineris of Morenſyde to pay, for ilk pund land within the ſaid parochine, xl ſ. to be gevin to the ſaid Mr. Patrik for his kyndnes of the ſaid kirk, and in recompence of the ſowmes of money deburſit be him in maner foirſaid.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF DUNS, THE TENT DAY OF JULII 1611.

Act of the Synod producit for plantatio nouæ eccleſiæ de Birkinſyd et eiuſdem erectio.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis name, the ſaid Reverend Father, with the reſt aboue urettin, haveing producit the act of the laſt Synod concerning the planting of this kirk with ane Secund miniſter, in reſpect of the inhabilitie and auld aige of Mr. Patrik Gait, preſent miniſter at this kirk, contening ane ſpeciall commiſſioun direct to certane Commiſſioneris from the Synod appointit to deall for a proviſioun to ane Secund miniſter, to wit, to Mr. Dauid Home, and Mr. William Methwen;

they declairit, that thai gat the concurrence of the maiſt part of the paroche yeilding thair conſent to help with thair moyen the proviſioun for a ſecund miniſter; the Lairdis of Wedderburne and Blacketar hed not giffin thair conſent.

The Chapell of Birkinſyde ordenit, with commoun conſent, to be erected in a paroche kirk, and for this effect to have annexit to it the landis of Birkinſyde, Oxanden, Cauldſyd, Peilheuch, Parkheid, Parkhouſe, Knock, Keidghill, Keidſcheillhauch, Kidcleuch, Holeinrig, Burnehouſſe, Bogſhill, Wynſcheillis, Eſter and Middil Wynſcheillis, the Laird of Cockburnes haill landis, with the pertinentis, extending to xx landis, togidder with Barrowmill, perteining to the Laird of Aitoun.

The landis annexit to the ſaid kirk, and appointit to contributt for the bigging thairof, ar Burnehouſſis, extending to twell huſband landis, Cockburne, twentie huſband landis, Eiſter and Middill Winſcheills, ſex huſband landis. The Laird of Aitoun to pay at his awin pleſour.

William Sincleir, miniſter, and Thomas Lamb, appointit collectouris of the ſaid contributioun, and overſiers of the work.

Mr. George Ridpath, miniſter, proteſtit that, in this erectioun, na preiudice ſuld be done to the Laird of Ormeſtoun.

The ſaid Reverend Father takis vpone him to get the ſaid erectioun paſt in all the formalities thairof as accordis.

Stipend.—For the proviſioun of the ſaid kirk to be erected, Mr. Patrik Gait, miniſter at Duns, is content to dimitt the vicarage of the kirk of Duns hallelie in favouris of the miniſter to be planted at the ſaid kirk of Birkinſyd. The Laird of Aitoun is content to give according to the number of huſband landis, ilk huſband land xx ſ.; the ane half thairof to be payit be the heretour, and the vther half be the takiſmen, or thais that hes the teind bollis of the ſaidis plewis. The remanent gentlemen, to be annexit to the ſaid kirk, conſentis to pay ſiclyk, ilkane for thair awin part, and this proviſioun only to ſtand and indure during the lyftyme of the ſaid Mr. Patrik Gait, miniſter.

Innerkething, the penult Julij 1611,—Mr. Robert Roch admitted miniſter at Innerkething.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF FALKLAND, 9 AUGUST 1611.

Tryell.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holie name be the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, Mr. James Pitcairne, miniſter at the ſaid kirk, is fund to teache twyſe on the Sabbaoth day, but not on the weik dayes. He is removed, tryed, and is approvin be the haill Seſſioun of that kirk. Elderis and deacones alſo approvin.

Teaching, Baptiſme, Mariage.—He is ordenit to teach on Sonday befoir none, and catechiſe efter none; and to teach on Tyſday, miniſter baptiſme, mariage, the ſaid day. The Seſſioun ordenit to ſitt on Tyſday of the doctrine.

Scoole.—The Scoole weill intertenied: the maiſter thairof, Mr. Dauid Balvaird. He is tryed be the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, and reſſaves approbatioun be the haill brethren of the miniſtrie, and be elderis and deacones of the paroche.

Regiſteris.—The miniſter ordenit to have a formall Seſſioun buik, quhairin ſalbe the collectioun of the almes, with the diſtributioun thairof. Item, ane vther ſufficient regiſter for baptiſme, mariage, and the names of the defunctis.

Papiſtis, etc.—Na Papiſtis, na excommunicattis, na witches nor conſulteris.

Buriall.—Buriall within the kirk diſchargeit; and a purpois among the parochineris for bying ſomuch ground without the toun as may ſerve for buriall.

Byble.—The miniſter ordenit to have a commoun Byble for the kirk, vnder pane of vj lib., as the Act of the Aſſemblie beris.

Tranſporting of the Exerciſe from Coupar to Falkland.—The Kingis Majeſties will, declared by his Majeſties letter, ſend to the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, anent the tranſporting of the Exerciſe fra Coupar to Falkland, and the diviſing thairof, to be at the ſaid rycht Reverend Fatheris diſcretion, appointing ſum to go to Sanct Androis as of old, the reſt to meit weikly at Falkland, and the meiting at Coupar from this tyme furth to ceas. The brethren not conſenting thairto; bot craved a ſupplication to be ſend to his Majeſtie, for continowing the meiting at

Coupar, for ſindry gude cawſſis and conſiderationis, namelie, that Falkland in winter, or efter greit weittis in ſommer, is not acceſſibill. The ſaid Reverend Father promeſis to wreit to his Majeſtie, and to move the Synod to hald at Perth the fyft of September, to ſend with his letter thair ſupplicatioun to his Majeſtie, to the effect foirſaid. In the mein tyme, to ſatiſſie his Majeſties deſir, thai ar ordenit to convein at Falkland, the haill brethreine of the Exerciſe of Couper, till the Aſſemblie, and thairefter till his Majeſties anſwer be returned thairanent; quhairwith thai acquies: And ſo thankes gevin to God, the meiting is diſſolved.

The Visitatioun of the Kirk of the Ferrie of Portoncraig, 13 August 1611.

Tryell.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name, maid be the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, Mr. James Jarden, miniſter, being aſked, How oft he teached in the weik? anſwerit, anis on the Sabbaoth befoir none, and was willing to teach efternone, bot culd not get the people to convein, quhilk he regraited. He is removed and tryed, reſſaveis approbatioun both of the miniſtrie and of the elderis and deacones.

The miniſter appointit to teach on Sonday befoir none, to catechiſe efter none, and to teach on Tyſday.

Na Papiſtis, na Witches.—Na Papiſtis, na excommunicattis, na diſobedients, na noncommunicantis, na witches, nor conſulteris.

Vicarage, Stipend, Augmentatioun.—The miniſter ordenit to tak vp *ipſa corpora* of the vicarage. The miniſteris proviſioun of ſtipend preſently is xl bollis victuall; and the parochineris, with ane conſent, agries to ane augmentatioun of ane hundreth pund to be payit to him yeirlie, ſo lang as he remains at that kirk vntranſported. The Toun to be bund for payment of fourſcoir pundis, and the Landwart for xx lib. The tounes pairt to be payit be James and Henrie Paterſones, Dauid and Johne Kayes, Thomas Ramſay and Mr. James Durie, in name of the reſt, and to be bund to the miniſter thairfoir; thai gettand thair releiff fra the reſt. Peter Hay of Mortoun ordenit to contribute for augmenting the miniſteris ſtipend as a parochiner.

Scoole.—Na ſcoolemaiſter for laik of moyen among the tounes men; bot thai ar appointit to have ane.

Mans, Gleib.—The miniſteris mans ordenit to be biggit. The miniſter to aggrie for bigging thairof, and the paroche to pay twa hundreth merkis for helping to big the ſame. The ſtent thairof to be ſett down be the honeſt men of the toun, and ſum of the landwart. The toune to pay the twa pairt, and the landwart the thrid. The Erle of Kinghorne to be dealt with to contribute thairto, and the Gudman of Bawgownie. The miniſter hes his haill gleib in poſſeſſioun.

Profanatioun of the Sabbaoth.—Breakeris or prophaneris of the Sabbaoth to pay, drunkardis and vther licentious livaris to pay, xx ſ.

Clerk and Beddell of the kirk, thair ſeverall dewties to be payit.—It is ordenit, that the clerk of the Seſſioun of the kirk, ſall have of ilk mariage x ſ., and the beddell of the kirk iij ſ. iiij đ.; and of ilk berne baptized, the clerk ſall have v ſ., and the beddell xx đ. Of ilk fornicatour, or vtheris that makis publict repentance, ſalbe exactit iiij ſ., to be equallie divydit betwix the clerk and the beddell: and of ilk buriall, the beddell ſall have vj ſ. viij đ., and the clerk iij ſ. iiij đ.

Millis.—It is ordenit, that na millis gang vpone the Sabbaoth day, fra ſone to ſone, vnder pane of xx ſ., and the parties tranſgreſſing to mak thair publict repentance.

Ferrieboatis.—Item, that na boattis cors the Ferrie on the Sabbaoth day, fra nyne houris befoir none, till the efternones doctrine be endit, vnder the pane of xx ſ., and thai that dois in the contrair to be wardit, thairefter to mak thair publict repentance; and the magiſtratis of the toun to appoint overſeeris for this effect, to nott the tranſgreſſouris of the ſaid act.

Byble.—The miniſter ordenit to bye ane commoun Byble to ſerve in the kirk, vpone the commoun charges, vnder the pane contenit in the Act of the Aſſemblie, viz. vj ℔.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF FORGOUND, 14 AUGUST 1611.

Text, Tryell.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holie name maid

be the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, the miniſter, Maiſter Simeon Durie, is aſkit be the ſaid Archbiſchop anent his ordinar text, quhilk is the xxviij chapter of Geneſis; he teachis only anis in the weik, on Sonday befoir none, and is ordenit to teach on Sonday befoir none, and efter none to catechiſe the people, quho ar appointit to be devydit in quarteris. Ilk Sabbaoth ſa many to convein and be catechiſed as the miniſter may owertak. The miniſter is removed and tryed, and reſſavis ane approbatioun of all, both miniſteris, and elderis and deacones, in his lyffe, doctrine, and behaviour.

Sabbaoth.—Breakers of the Sabbaoth day to pay xx ſ.; and gif the ſervandis break the Sabbaoth be thair maiſteris occaſioun and imployment, the maiſter to pay xx ſ., and the ſervand exemit.

Papiſtis, Witches.—Na Papiſtis, nor excommunicattis, nor reſaitteris of tham; na witches, nor conſulteris with them.

Mans, Gleib, Stipend, Vicarage.—The miniſter reſident at his mans; he hes preſent poſſeſſioun of his gleib. His ſtipend is vj chalderis victuall. He is vickar, and is ordenit to tak vp *ipſa corpora;* or ellis to augment the rentall thairof be the advyſe of the ordinar and conſent of his chaptour, be ſetting of takis fra thrie yeiris to thrie yeiris, and not langer.

Buriall.—Buriall diſchargeit within the kirk vnder pane of xl ſib. Bot only ſuch as have ane ile of thair awin, the gentilmen, in caice thai burie, ſall pay xl ſib.; the meaner ſort, as huſband men that ar nocht worth, to pay x ſib., or mair, at the diſcretioun of the Seſſioun.

Pure, Skoole.—The puir ſufficiently provydit for. The Skoole interteined; and for the better proviſioun of it, thair is ordaned that ilk pleuch in the paroche ſall pay to the ſkoolemaiſter xiij ſ. iiij d.; and ilk berne of the paroche ſall pay vi ſ. viij d. in the quarter; ſtrangeris that ar of ane vther paroche ſall pay xx or xxx ſ. as the maiſter can procuir it, as it is agried in vther congregationis.

Peter Hay.—Peter Hay of Mortoun acknowledgit a parochiner of the Ferrie, and not of this kirk of Forgound. Bot for his aige he is permitted to reſort to this kirk for his eas, and reſſavis the benefittis of the Kirk thair.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF KENNOQUHY, 20 AUGUST 1611.

Mr. James Symſoun admitted miniſter of Kennoquhy.

Saboth.—It being reported, that this laſt Sabboth certane perſons wer ſheiring thair cornes, it is ordained that tryall [be taken] quho thei wer, and that thei be contermit befoir the Seſſioune the next Saboth, and puniſhed according to the ordour.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF EBDIE, HOLDIN AT NEWBURGH 2 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Efter invocatioun of Godis holy name and doctrine, Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch, miniſter, is found to teach in the kirk of Ebdie anes vpon the Sabboth in winter, and twys in ſommer. He is appoynted to tak to him ane ordinar text; and ordained that ilk Saboth after noon ane portioune of the people ſalbe catechiſed ether in the kirk of Ebdie or Newburgh, as the Seſſioune ſall find meitt, and as the people may moſt commodiouſlie reſort; and for this effect thei ar ordenit to devyd the parochine in convenient portions. The miniſter removed, wes allowed in doctrine; but it wes regraitted, that he did not kyth him ſelfe forward and zealous in cenſuring and puniſhing offenders; quhilk being for want of ane commiſſioune, they ar ordained with all diligens to purchais ane commiſſioune to the miniſter, the Guidmen of Denmuir, Woodmilne, and Denmilne, the bailyies of Newburgh, and James Leſlie.

Saboth—The Sabboth day keiped be giffing the Satterday to the tennantis, except in my Lord of Rothes his boundis; quhilk James Leſlie, overſier of my Lordis turnes in theis boundis, promiſed to ſie amendit.

Na noncommunicantis. Alexander Philp excommunicat for the ſlaughter of Durie. Na diſſobedintis to diſcipline. Na Papiſtes, or reſettars.

The kirk of Ebdie reported to be in good caice. It wes regraitted that the towne of Newburgh, containing four hundreth communicantis or thairby, is ſa far diſtant from thair paroche kirk that thei can not, without gryt difficultie, reſort thairto, and in winter it is altogether impoſſible: Mair-

over, the inhabitantis declared thamſelfis willing to beſtow and contribute for the ſuſtentatione of ane miniſter according to thair power. The work wes thocht verie guid, if thair may be ane ſetled miniſtrie at thair awin kirk within the towne of Newburgh. But, in reſpect of my Lord of Lundores his minoritie, ſeing no preſent dealing may be had, it is continowed to be alwayes remembritt quhen occaſioun ſalbe offred.

Scole.—It is found that thei have ane commoune ſcole, tawght be Mr. James Leſlie, ſcolmaiſter, quho paſt his cours of philoſophie in St. Salvatouris Colleg in St. Androis. Being removed, wes allowed. His ſtipend is payed as followes, viz. be the toune of Newburgh xl ℔ibis., be the miniſter xx merkis, by my Lord of Lundores xx merkis. It is ordanit that ilk plewch of the parochine ſall pay xiij ſ. iiij d. yeirlie to the ſcolmaiſter, according to the commoune ordour; quhilk the gentilmen and parochinaris preſent promiſed thankfullie to do for thair awin pairtis; and lykwayes the bailyies of Newburgh promiſed thankfull payment, alſweill of byganis as in all tyme cuming.

Kirkdykes.—Item, thei ar ordained to big thair kirkdykes according to the Act of Parliament.[1]

Milnes.—Item, the miniſter is ordained ilk Saboth to tak exact tryall if any milnes gang thairon, and to convein the tranſgreſſouris befoir thair commiſſioneris, and to convict thame in 20 ſ. penaltie.

Proviſioun.—The miniſter poſſeſſes mans and gleib, and is reſident thairvpon. And hes for proviſioune, 10 bollis 2 firlottis quheit, 24 bollis beir, 15 bollis 2 firlottis meill, and 38 merkis money, and that out of the thrids of Lundoris, the vicariage being erected.

Regiſter.—The miniſter is cenſured and rebuiked becaus he hes nocht ane regiſter of the defunctis, and is ordainit to have ane with all formalities.

Byble.—They ar ordained to buy ane common byble. Item, to gather the almes for the poor in the tyme that thei ſing the pſalme.

[1] It was ordained by James 6, parl. 21, chap. 1. "That the parochiners repair the kirkyard dykes with stone and morter to the height of two ells, with sufficient stiles and entries; and that the Lords of Session direct letters hereupon as effeirs."

THE DIOCESIAN SYNODE OF ST. ANDROIS, BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN AT PERTH IN THE WEST KIRK THAIROF, VPON THE THRID AND FOURTH DAYES OF SEPTEMBER 1611, CONVOCATED AND MODERATED BE THE RYCHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORG ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Seſſio Prima.

Abſentis, Mr. James Martine, miniſter at Qult, Mr. David Monypennie, miniſter at Kembak, Mr. Jhone Fairfull, miniſter at Anſtruther, and Mr. William Watſone, miniſter at Burntiland.

Seſſio 2ª.

Fotheringhame et Williamſone.—Anent thois things that wes committed to my Lord Archbiſhop to do, be the Synode holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laſt bypaſt, his Lordſhip reportes, that having appoynted ane meiting betwix the Tutour of Powrie and Mr. Williamſone, at the kirk of Barrie, thai wer aggreitt, and all controverſies depending betwix thame ſubmitted to freindis choſin be thame.

Ogilvies.—Item, that Sir Jhone Ogilvie had, in the kirk of St. Androis, ſolemnilie ſatiſfeit for his apoſtacie, and wes abſolved from excommunicatione; as alſo, that the ſaid Sir Jhone, and Georg Ogilvie, his brother, had, vpon the day of the ſaid Sir Jhone his abſolutioune, communicate in the foirſaid kirk.

Act Baptiſme, Marriage, Communione.—Forſamikle as dyvers perſons, getting the benefites of the Kirk at the handis of vtheris than thair awin miniſteris, tak thairby occaſioune to illude the Kirk diſcipline thairof, the Act of the Generall Aſſemblie, inhibiting all miniſteris to miniſtrate baptiſme, or the Lordis Supper, or to ioyne in mariage any perſons quho ar not of thair awin parochine, and that vnder the pane of ſuſpenſioune from the miniſtrie to the wilfull offendar, wes intimate and eſtabliſhed. This inhibitioune alwayes to concerne ſuch as have not delyverit ſufficient teſti-

moniall from the miniſter of the parochine quhair thei dwell, to the miniſter from quhom thei crave the benefites foirſaidis. Lyk as it wes declared, that the perſon wilfullie abſenting him ſelf from the communione celebrate in his awin paroche kirk, althocht he communicate in another kirk, ſalbe reput ane non communicant, and puniſhed accordinglie.

Noncommunicantis.—And for exact tryall of all noncommunicantis within the boundis of this Synode, the haill brethren, with vpholdin handis, maid fayth that thei ſall particularlie gif in ticket the morne ſuch as have not communicate with thame the laſt tyme of the celebratioune thairof, and that not onlie of ſuch as do continowallie mak reſidens, as of thame alſo quho at certane tymes remaine in thair parochines.

Act for keiping Synode.—For better keiping of the Aſſemblies, It wes ſtatute and ordained, that the abſentis from this preſent Aſſemblie, or any Aſſemblie in tym comming, ſall pay for the firſt fawlt ten ℔ibs., for the ſecound xx ℔ibis., and vpon the thrid to be ſuſpendit to the next Synode from thair miniſtrie. And in cais the delinquent refuis to mak payment, the Moderator, or vther havand power, wes ordained to ſuſpend him, as ſaid is.

Act obediens to Statutes.—Item, forſamikle as lawes without obediens ar off no force or effect, and frequent experiens has declared that throgh the negligens to performe ſuch things as ar injoyned in the Synodes, many diſordouris ar continowed, Thairfoir it is ſtatute and ordained, that quhoſoever ſalbe found to failzie in obediens of any thing that is injoined in this Synode, or ſalbe in the Synodes heirafter, ſall pay *toties quoties* ten merkis money.

Commoune-head.—Item, It is ſtatute and ordained, that the commoune headis of doctrine be intreated in ilk Exerceis monethlie, and diſputtis be had thairvpon; the failzier heirin to pay 30 ß.; and the buikes of Exerceis to be exhibite at ilk Aſſemblie, to beir report of the commoune heid. keiped, as ſaid is.

Mans of Mr. Simeon Durie.—Anent the ſupplicatione giffin in be Mr. Simeon Durie, miniſter at Forgound, craving that forſamikle as, be directioune of the laitt Synode holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laſt bypaſt, he, having ſubmitted him ſelf to certane brethren, had be thair

decreitt bein maid to pay to Mr. David Lyndeſay, his predeceſſour, twa hundreth markis, in contentatioune of the expenſſis beſtowed be the ſaid Mr. David vpon the mans of the foirſaid kirk; thairfoir ane ordinans may be maid be the Synode for refoundinge the ſame be his ſucceſſour. The Aſſemblie found his petitioune reaſonable, and ordained, that he quho ſall ſucceid to him in the miniſtrie of the ſaid kirk, ſall, for the caus above expremit, refound to him, or his executouris, the ſowme of twa hundreth merkis, as ſaid is.

Petitio Manſis.—Forſamikle as gryt loſſis comes to the intrant miniſteris throgh the payment of ſowmes for the manſis, quhilk ſtill remaine for the uſe of the parochine, It is thoght meitt, that at the firſt Parliament ane ſuitt be maid for ane Act to be granted, that the parochineris may bigg the manſes to thair kirkes, quhair as yet thei ar not bigget, and refound the expenſſis beſtowed on ſuch as ar bigget already.

Vniformitie of Diſcipline.—Item, for ſetting downe ane vniformitie of diſcipline, It wes thocht meitt, that my Lord Archbiſhop ſall caus fyve brethren, of that pairt of the ſaid diocie quhilk lyeth beſowth Forth, convein with Mrs. Androw Clayhills, William Coupar, Patrik Lyndeſay, Henrie Philp, and Jhone Mitchelſone, and the Rector of the Vniverſitie of St. Andois, quho ar nominate be this Aſſemblie, at ſuch tyme and place as his Lordſhip ſall think convenient; And be thair commoun laboures condiſcend vpon ane Ordour of Diſcipline, quhilk may thairafter be ſhawin to the Dioceſian Synodes of St. Androis benorth and beſowth Forth reſpectivè; And ſa fra thame the ſame may be preſented to ane Provinciall or Generall Aſſemblie; quho, approving and allowing it, may preſent and recommend the ſamine to the Kings Majeſtie, that his Hienes authoritie may be interponed for obſervatione thairof in all tyme coming.

Papiſtes.—Item, for diſcovering the practiſes of Papiſtes, and conſultatione vpon remedies thairfoir, It wes thoght meitt that with my Lord Archbiſhop ſall convein the Biſhopes of Dunkeld and Dumblaine, the Miniſteris of Perth, Mr. Alexander Kynninmounth, Mr. Henrie Duncane, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrik Lyndeſay, Mr. Jhone Mitchelſone, Mr. William Buchannane, and Mr. William Murray. The tyme and place of thair meiting to be two after noone in the next day in the reveſtrie.

Erroll.—Item, the Synode having ſuir knowledg that nochtwithſtanding the Earle of Erroll lyes vnder the fearfull ſentens of excommunicatione, in regard quhairof all zealous and trew Chriſtians oucht to withdraw thameſelfis from haunting his companie, or having followſhip with him, yet thair ar dyvers quho reſort to him at all occaſiouns; Heirfoir it is ſtatute and ordained, that if any perſone ſall heirafter repair to the ſaid Earle, (exceptand he firſt mak the miniſter quhair his Lordſhip remains acquaint thairwith,) in that caice the perſone delinquent ſalbe charged be the miniſter to mak his publict repentans for the offens foirſaid. And incaice of obſtinacie and diſobediens of the offender to ſatiſfie, as ſaid is, the miniſter is ordained to proceid againſt him to the ſentens of excommunicatione. Siclyk, the miniſteris of Perth ar ordained to dilate ſuch within the ſaid burgh as have offendit by reſorting, as ſaid is, that thei may be charged to compeir befoir the Lordis of the High Commiſſioune to ſitt the next day. Siclyk, the ordour above expremit is appoynted to be keipit with all ſuch as commounlie reſort to vther perſones excommunicate.

Edzell excommunicate.—And ſpeciallie, it being reported that dvyers of the miniſtrie frequent the companie of the Laird of Edzell, excommunicate, It wes thocht meitt that advertiſment be maid to my Lord Biſhop of Brechin heirof, that his Lordſhip may tak ordour with ſuch of his awin diocie as have failed, and tak tryall of thois that ar of the diocies of St. Androis and Dunkeld, that thei may be condignelie cenſured.

Lord Gray.—Androw Lord Gray, ſummoned be commandement of the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie, callit and not compeirand, excuſes himſelf be the deceis of his vmquhile Father, quho deceiſſit yeſternicht;[1] and be his letter promiſed to ſatiſfie the Kirk be his oath and ſubſcriptioune to the Confeſſioune of Fayth, quhen and quhair he ſalbe requyred. It is appoynted, that my Lord Archbiſhop ſall, *primo quoque tempore*, caus him performe the ſam, and Mr. Robert Rind, Mr. Androw Myrtoune, and Mr. Jhone Duncane, to aſſiſt his Lordſhip thairin.

Non Communicantis.—Item, the brethren of the Miniſtrie preſent, ac-

[1] This detects an error in *Douglas's Peerage*, where Patrick, seventh Lord Gray, is said to have died in 1612.

cording to thair oathes maid in the former Seſſioune, gaif in thair particular tickets of ſuch as have not communicate in thair awin paroche kirkis, *hac vice;* quhilkis wes ordained to be collected in ane generall catalogue be the Clerk, and delyverit to my Lord Archbiſhop, that thei may be charged befoir the Lordis of the High Commiſſioune, and puniſhed for thair offens.

Mr. Jhone Gardyne.—Item, my Lord Archbiſhop reported, that for tryall of the ſclander of fornicatione alledgit committed be Mr. Jhone Gardine, miniſter at Barrie, with Elſpat Balfour thair, according to the ordinance of the Synode, holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laſt bypaſt, his Lordſhip had viſited the ſaid kirk, quhair finding no manifeſt probatioune of the fact foirſaid, but ane conſtant and open bruit, and the ſaid Mr. Jhone refuiſing to purge him ſelf by his oath of the cryme above expremit, his Lordſhip had, be the advys of the brethren preſent at the viſitatioune, ſuſpendit the ſaid Mr. Jhone from his miniſtrie till this preſent Synode, to the quhilk alſo his Lordſhip had cauſed ſummond him to heir and ſie the determinatioune judiciall of the ſaid Synode. And ſiclyk, reported that the ſaid Mr. Jhone, in conſideratioune that the ſclander foirſaid being ſa publict, and that amongis his awin flock, will weaken his miniſtrie, that he can nocht diſcharge the ſame in that congregatioune to thair edificatioune, thairfoir had dimitted the miniſtrie of the ſaid kirk, and had delyverit to his Lordſhip ane dimiſſioune ſubſcryved be his hand. Quhilk dimiſſioune being red and conſiderit, the Synode declared the kirk vacant, and ordained the ſame to be planted *primo quoque tempore* in the perſone of another.

Habites.—Anent the reſorting of the brethren to thair ordinar meitings in the Exerceis and Synodall Aſſemblie, in blak gownes and vther abuilzement, preſcryved in the Act of Parliament, The brethren of the miniſtrie having failzied herein, excuiſed thame ſelfis be reaſone the actis of the laſt Synode wer not delyverit to thame, be occaſioune of the ſicknes and diſeas of the clerk. Quhairfoir it is ſtatute and ordained, that heirafter, all excuis ſett aſyde, the former ordinance be obſerved, and the contraveineris be puniſhed.[1]

[1] The ordinary dress of the Clergy was regulated by Parliament in 1609;—" Considering

Kirk dykes.—Item, it is ſtatute that evrie brother ſall vrge the reparatioune of the kirk-yaird dykes, according to the Act of Parliament, and produce thair diligens at the Synode foirſaid.

Bibles.—The brethren, particularlie in thair tryell, being enquyred, reported that according to the ordinans of Synode immediatelie preceiding, thei had dealt with thair parochinaris for cauſing thame buy ane commoune Byble for ilk kirk. In the quhilk thei wer ordained to inſiſt, as thei ſalbe redy to report thair diligens vpon thair conſciens the next Synode.

Pluralitie of Kirkes.—Item, the Synode appoynted and concludit, that regard ſalbe had of the pluralitie of kirkes; that quhairas (prayſed be God) thair ar ſindries quhom God had indewit with good graces, and preparit and inabled for the miniſtrie, and yet ar nocht imployed, the way be not ſtopped to thame to enter into the holy miniſtrie, be continowing one man in the ſervice of moe kirkes, quhilk may commodiouſlie be ſevered.

Exerceis, Coupar.—Item, it wes appoynted that my Lord Archbiſhop ſall deall with the Kings Majeſtie, that the Exerceis of Coupar for the preſent (at his Hienes will) ſitting in Falkland, may be broght againe to Coupar.

Brig, Perth.—Item, that his Lordſhip ſall deall with his Majeſtie or Counſell, as ſalbe thocht meiteſt, that ſome further help and ſubſidie may be obteinit to the reparatioune of the Brig of Tay at Perth.

Harborie of Arbroth.—Item, the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth being enquyred, declared, that the Magiſtrates and Burgh [of] Arbroth, have maid good progres in the reparatioune of thair harborie for ſhippes, and beſtow gryt expenſis, and tak travell daylie in the ſaid work; ſa that thair is evidens that the ſame ſalbe profitablie finiſhed. Quhairfoir it wes concludit, that ſa many of the brethren, quhois parochinaris have nocht as yet contributed to the foirſaid work, ſalbe inſtant with thame for obteining ſupport thairto.

what slander and contempt has arissin to the eclesiasticall estait of this kingdome, by the occasioun of the licht and vndecent apparell vsed by some of that professioun, and chieflie these having vote in Parliament, it is therefoir statute, that euerie preacheour of Goddis word, sall heireftir wear blak, grave and comelie apparel, beseeming men of their estait and conditioun." And King James, shortly afterwards, appointed them to wear black gownes while performing divine service, or attending Church courts.

Expectantis.—The names of expectantis within the boundis of the Synode wer takin vp, viz. Mr. James Stratachine, Mr. David Wood, Mr. Alexander Pitcairn, Mr. James Bedie, Mr. William Davidſoun, Mr. Jhone Sommer, Mr. Thomas Ramſay, Mr. James Lichtoun, Mr. Georg Haliburtone, Mr. Jhone Piggot, Mr. Alexander Balnevis, Mr. Jhone Fairfull, Mr. Thomas Lawmonth, Mr. Thomas Meling, Mr. Jhone Alchionor, Mr. Robert Williamſone, Mr. Androw Anderſone, Mr. Henrie Danſkin, Mr. Androw Monypennie, Mr. Alexander Henderſone, Mr. James Blair, Mr. William Lammie, Mr. Georg Blak, Mr. David Dalgleis, Mr. Thomas Craig, Mr. Samuel Cuninghame, Mr. Ephraim Melvill, Mr. Robert Halie.

The next Synode (God willing) appoynted to hold the ordinar tyme and place, viz. in St. Androis vpon Law Twyſday.[1]

September 6, 1611.—Mr. Alexander Bruce admitted miniſter at the kirk of Kinfauns.

[1] *Law Sunday* appears to have puzzled Dr. Jamieson, apparently by the difficulty of ascertaining, from the authorities he cites, the precise time to which it was applicable. (*Dict. Supp.* vo. *Laif Sunday.*) *Law Tysday* is evidently allied to the same term. By referring to the date of the ensuing Synod, we find that it met on the 21st *April* 1612; and we learn from *Nicolas's Notitia Historica,* that Easter-day fell in that year on the 12th April, *Low Sunday* on the 19th, and Tuesday the 21st was *Law Tysday.* It would appear, that our *Law Sunday* is synonymous with the *Low Sunday,* or *Dies Dominicus in albis* of the Romish and English rituals. The origin of the designation is obscure; that given by Somner seems, as observed by Dr. Jamieson, to be inapplicable. Hone (*Every-Day Book,* vol. i. p. 453,) surmises that "the Sunday after Easter-day is called *Low,* because it is Easter-day repeated, with the church service somewhat abridged or *lowered* in the ceremony, from the pomp of the festival the Sunday before." Hence it would follow, that *Law Tysday* was the inferior representative of Easter Tuesday; although it does not appear to have been observed, like that day, either in the Romish or English churches. But perhaps *Law Tysday* may refer to the sitting of the Supreme Courts of *Law,* in former times, immediately after the Easter Holidays. At the Institution of the College of Justice in 1537, the Easter term, or Summer Session of the Court, was declared "to beginne upon the morn after *Dominica in albis,* and sit quhill Lames;" and again in 1578, it is appointed to commence on "the nixt Mononday after the *Law Sonday.*"

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF ST. VIGIANS, 20 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Tryell Miniſter, Text, Jam. 3.—The quhilk day, after invocatioune of the name of God, and doctrine proponit by the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, Mr. Patrik Lyndeſy, miniſter, being tryed, wes found to teach ordinarelie anis vpon the Saboth, thairafter to hold the Seſſioune, and to catechiſe in the afternoon. Being removed, wes weill reported of be his parochineris. The Seſſioun ſiclyk allowed for thair concurrens.

Poor.—It is found that thei have put thair poor into ane roll; but as yet thei go a begging throcht the parochine, quhilk thei intend to remedie ſchortlie.

Communion.—The communioune celebrate in the moneth of Maij laſt. Nane noncommunicantis. Alexander Ritchie excommunicate ane good ſpace ſince for ſlauchter, but reſortis not to this parochine.

Papiſtes.—Na Papiſtes, no reſettaris of thame. Na witches, or conſulteris with thame.

The miniſter is ordained to gif vp the names of the adultereris and inceſtuous within the parochine.

Saboth.—The Saboth day reported to be weill keiped, ſpecially in herveſt, vpon the maiſteris pairt, quho gif to the tennantis ane day for winnning thair awin cornes. It is ordeined, that thei tak tryell of ſuch as have broken this ſeaſoune, and puniſh thame according to the Act of Parliament. And ſiclyk, that thei puniſh ſuch as have thair milnes going vpon the Saboth, and exact of thame 20 ſ. penaltie, and repentans public.

Ile, Sir Peter Young.—Item, it is found that Sir Peter Young of Eaſter Seatown, Almoner to the Kings Majeſtie, has laitlie bigged, vpon the north ſyde of the kirk, ane Ile, to ſerve for him ſelf and ſucceſſoures for ane buriall. Quhilk the ſaid rycht Reverend Father and remanent aſſiſtantis in the viſitatioune allowed, and appoynted that ane patent ſall be giffen be his Lordſhip for declaratioune thairof to the poſteritie.

Scole.—It is found that thair is nocht ane commoune Scole; quhairanent it is ordained that ane Scole be had with diligens. For the intertainement quhairof it is concludit with commoune conſent, that ilk pleuch in

the paroch, ſall pay to the Scolmaiſter yeirlie 13 ſ. 4 d., and ilk bairne tawcht thairin 6 ſ. 8 d.

Mans.—It is found that the Mans is bigged be the preſent Miniſter, quho als poſſeſſes ane full gleib. Mr. Arthour Futhie, Henrie Philp, Jhone Guthrie, and Androw Drummond, ar ordained to eſtimate the expenſſis deburſed be the ſaid Mr. Patrik vpon the mans, that the ſamine may be refoundit to him be his ſucceſſour.

Proviſioun.—The kirk is ane of the Abbacie of Arbroth, and hes ane ſtipend aſſigned thairto of the thrides of the prelacie, 12 bollis quheitt, 3 chalderis beir, 4 chalderis 4 bollis meill, quhilk is the conſtant proviſioun. Together with the vicariag after deceis of Mr. Jhone Granger, quho is preſent titular provydit thairto of old.

Regiſteres.—They ar found to have ordinar regiſters, quhilk thei ar ordained to produce, and to be viewed be Mr. Arthour Futhie, Henrie Philp,[1] and Jhone Guthrie.

Seſſioune.—Item, thair wes nominated ane Seſſioune for the ſaid parochine, Sir Peter Young of Seatowne Eaſter, James Ouchterlowny of Weſter Seatown, Androw Lamb in Southtarrie, James Balfour of Northtarrie, Alexander Perſone in Wardmilne, Androw Wannand portioner of Law, [2] Ramſay of Cairnetown, Henrie Futhie of Muirhous, Francis Ogilvie of New Grange, Henrie Smyth portioner of Bruntown, Robert Guthrie in Ethmuthie, Harie Wood of Bonytown, Harie Guthrie of Coliſtown, Thomas Smyth in Kirktown, Robert Smyth in Grange of Connan, and Robert Fleſhar of Innerpeffer; quho gaue thair oathes to diſcharge thair office faythfullie.

Almes.—Item, for collectiowne of the almes to the poor, It is appoynted, that all the gentlemen and honeſt men of the parochine, and ſuch ſpeciallie as have bein deacones heirtofoir, ſall heirafter in thair courſes be collectoures.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF INNERKILLOUR, 22 SEPEMBER 1611.

Mr Arthour Futhie, miniſter, found reſident on mans and gleib. Item, to teach anis on the Saboth; his text, Gen. 32, *a principio*, and to cate-

[1] Minister at Arbroth. [2] Blank in the Record.

chiſe in the morning. It is ſtatute, that in ſomner the catechiſing be in the afternoon, and that ilk perſone abſent pay 12 đ.

Poor.—They ar ordained to tak ordour with thair poor, that thei may be keipit within the parochine and provydit for.

Saboth.—It is found, that the Saboth day is obſerved in herveſt, and that the maiſteris gif ane day to the tennantis. Item, that the milnes ceas labouring vpon the Saboth.

Na Papiſtes reſident within the parochine; na reſaitteris.

Scole.—Item, that thair is ane commoune Scole taucht be Mr. Alexander Pitcairne, quho, being removed for tryell, wes allowed. And for the intertainement of the Scole, it wes concludit be commoune conſent, that ilk houſband man labouring ane pleuch gaitt of land throghout the parochine, ſall pay yeirlie to the Scolemaiſter 13 ſ. 4 đ. and ilk bairne tawcht in the Scole quarterlie 6 ſ. 8 đ.

Sick.—Item, to the end that the ſick perſones be nocht defraudit of the comfort to be miniſtred vnto thame in the tym of thair diſeas, It is ordained, that the perſones being in hous with the diſeaſed ſall mak advertiſement, within thrie dayes at furtheſt after thei be bedfaſt, to the eldar or deacon having the cuir of that portioune of the parochine, quho ſall immediatelie declair the ſame to the miniſter. And it is ordained that theis, quho ar in companie with the ſick, failzeing, or eldar or deacone nocht doing, as ſaid is, ſall pay reſpectively xl ſ.; and the miniſter nocht viſiting, being lawfullie advertiſed, and being found to continow thairin, ſall be ſuſpendit from the miniſtrie.

Proviſioune.—The kirk is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, and hes aſſigned in ſtipend, out of the thridis of the ſaid prelacie, awcht chalderis victuall, with the vicariage; quhilk he collectis *in corporibus.* And wes inhibite to ſett takis thairof, vnder paine of ſuſpenſion.

It wes found, that thei have all convenient regiſteris. They ar ordained to buy ane commoune Byble.

Gleib, Athie.—Item, it is found that thair is ane mans bigget be the preſent miniſter, and ane iuſt gleib. But the kirk of Athie, annexed to this parochine wantis ane gleib. Quhairfoir, in reſpect Sir Jhone Carnegie, heritour of the landis of Athie, is but laitlie returned into the country,

it wes thocht meitt that my Lord Archbiſhop wreitt to him, that he may willinglie grant ane gleib befoir any deſignatioun be.

New Seſſioun.—Item, thair wes ane Seſſioune nominate, the Laird of Cluny, David Gardine of Lawtown, James Stewart, William Wood of Balblair, Thomas Gardine, Mr. David Lyndeſay, [&c.] quho maid fayth to do thair office faythfullie.

September 27, 1611.—Mr. James Stratachine admitted miniſter at the kirk of Barrie.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF SAINT ANDROIS QUHILK LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE GRYT SCOOLE OF ST. SALVATORIS COLLEGE, WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, THE 21, 22, 23 DAYES OF APRYL, IN THE YEIR OF GOD 1612, BE THE RYCHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS, AND BRETHREN OF THE MINISTRIE WITHIN THE BOUNDIS ABOUE DESIGNED.

Mr. Andro Froſter.—Cancellarius.—Thair wes preſented ane letter from Mr. Androw Forreſter, miniſter at Dumfermling, bering excuis for his abſens in reſpect of ſeiknes; as alſo ane apologie of his dealling in the ſcandale of the crucifixe payntit vpon my Lord Chancellar his daſk in the ſaid kirk. Quhairanent, the ſcandale foirſaid being wakened, it wes thocht meitt, that advys be takin thairin befoir any further be done in the Synode. The mater thairfoir, being ryplie in all the circumſtances conſidered and pondered, wes found to haue giffen gryt offens to the haill countrey, and that the cauſer, as alſo the paynter of that idolatrous monument, and the miniſter foirſaid, haue highlie offendit. For remedie quhairof, power and commiſſioune wes granted and committed, and be thir preſentis ar granted and committed, to the brethren of the Privie Conferens of this Synode, and ſuch of the Exerceis of Dumfermling as ar of this Diocie, together with Mr. Jhone Hall, Mr. Patrik Galloway, Mr. Robert Cornewall, Mr. Adame Bannatyne, Mr. Jhone Carmichael, Mr. William Scott, and Mr. David Meirnis, to convein with my Lord Archbiſhop in the citie of St.

Androis, vpon the twelft day of Maij nixtocum, with full and plaine powar to thame to try and examine my Lord Chancellar his dealing and intereſt in the ſaid mater, and to do quhat thei may for removing that offens, according to the word of God and lawes of this Kirk and Kingdome, *premittendo de rato, etc.* To the quhilk day and place my Lord Chancellar ſalbe requyrit to be preſent, and for that effect ane letter wes ordained to be directed from this Synode. Siclyk, it wes ſtatute, that the craftiſman foirſaid, quho paynted the crucifix, ſalbe charged to compeir day and place above expremit, for ordour taking with him for his offens, as ſaid is. Als the ſaid Mr. Androw Froſter, in reſpect that after the erectiown of the foirſaid monument of idolatrie, did nether mak advertiſment to my Lord Archbiſhop, nether to the brethren of the Exerceis, he being Moderatour thairof, nor hes done any thing in publict quhilk might declair his diſlyking of the foirſaid fact; as alſo, being requyred peremptourelie to be preſent at the Synode for purging himſelf befoir thame, yet nochtwithſtanding hes nocht compeired, Thairfoir is decernit to be ſuſpendit from his miniſtrie vntill he be reponed be my Lord Archbiſhop and commiſſiouneris abouenamed. And in the meantym it is appoynted, that the brethren of the Exerceis of Dumfermling ſall, *per vices*, according to the ordour of the catalogue, ſupplie his place vpon the Sabboth, and the failzier heirin according to his cours to be ſiclyk ſuſpendit. Finallie, Mr. Robert Roch, Moderatour of the Exerceis, is ordained to intimate this preſent decreitt to the ſaid Mr. Androw,

Habites.—The haill number of the brethren preſent wer found in thair gownes, exceptand ſome few, quho in the next Seſſioune wes found ſiclyk to gif obediens.

Noncommunicantis, etc.—Item, it is ſtatute, that the brethren gif vp the names of excommunicattes, noncommunicantis, traffequing papiſtes, jeſuites, etc. and thair reſaitteris, and ſuch as ar reaſoneris againſt the religioun. And for the better performance heirof, the Moderatouris ar ordained preſentlie to convein thair brethren, and tak thair oathes for the faythfull vpgiffen of the perſones abouedeſigned in thair ſeverall boundis.

Confeſſioun of Fayth.—Item, for ſetting downe ane ſhort and cleir Confeſſioun of Fayth, Mr. Robert Howie, Proveſt of the Newcollege, Mr. An-

drow Ramſay, Mr. Patrik Lyndeſay, Mr. Henrie Philp, and Mr. David Meirnes, ar ordained to convein at ſex houris in the morning, and reviſe the Confeſſiounes alredy in hand, and compryſe the ſame in ſa ſhort and cleir articles as poſſible thei may, and preſent the ſame to the Synode.

Seſſio 3ª 22 Apr.

Aith in capitall crymes.—Anent the queſtioun concerning the exacting of the Aithe of veritie of ane perſone accuſed of ane capitall cryme, referred and continowed undiſcuſſed in the former Synodes, It is thocht meitt that the ſamine be as yet continowed till the next Synod. And in the meantym no executioune of diſcipline and cenſure be againſt the refuiſer to purge himſelf be his oath, exceptand as followes, viz. perſones ſuſpect of adulterie, and ſiclyk, ſalbe dealt with be the particulare Seſſiounes and Exerceiſes, quho ſall admoniſh thame according to Godis Word to abſtein from all appeirans of evill; with certificatioun, if thei ſalbe found ſlanderouſlie to reſort, being inhibite, thei ſalbe holdin *pro confeſſis*, quhairvpon, proces being foundit, the offenderis ſalbe proceidit againſt. As alſo, if the pairtie refuiſing to purge himſelf be his oath, vpon vehement preſumptiounes of his guiltines weyghed and conſidered be the brethren of the Exerceis of the boundis quhair the ſclander is, is ordained to be withholdin from the Table of the Lord the firſt tyme that the Communioun ſalbe celebrate in the ordinair paroche kirk. Finallie, it wes declaired, that the oath may be takin of the perſone willing to giff the ſame.

Committeris of capitall crymes.—Item, anent the queſtioun, Quhidder the committer of ane capitall cryme, not compeirand to ſatiſſie the diſcipline of the Kirk, being ſummoned for that effect, ſalbe holdin contumax, nochtwithſtanding he haue nocht *tutum acceſſum*, and ſa proceidit againſt to excommunicatioune? It is determined that the partie offender, as ſaid is, be letter, or famous men notifiing to the Kirk, that he is penitent for his fawlt, and willing to ſatiſſie incais he may have *tutum acceſſum*, and that his compeirans is vpon fearis of his lyf, ſall in this cace nocht be counted contumax.

Noncommunicantis, etc.—The brethren of the Exerciſes gaue in the names

of all ſuch within thair boundis as wes vnder ſuſpitioune in thair religioune, viz. In the boundis of *Dundie*, my Lord Gray, and his domeſtickes Patrik, James, Androw, and Robert Grayes, Robert Craw, and Robert Menzeis. Patrik Gray in Langforgownd, Thomas Abercrombie of Pitcalpie, David Abercrombie of Gowrdie. *Megill*, Iſobell Tyrie, Lady Mathie elder, William Tyrie of Drumkilbo, quho having his principall dwelling place within the diocie of Dunkeld, wes recommendit to him. *Coupar*, Marie Gray, Lady Parbroth, Jhone, William, and Gilbert Seatownes, her ſons, noncommunicant papiſtes; Marionne Seatone, Lady Craighall, noncommunicant. *Dumfermeling*, My Lord of Burley, Mungo Murray, papiſtes; Androw Wood ſuſpect, and my Lady Burlie noncommunicante. The foirnamed perſones were ordained to be taken ordour with, be my Lord Archbiſhop, with all diligens.

Mr. Patrik Lyndeſay.—Item, Mr. Patrik Lyndeſay, brother germane to the Laird of Vayme, lawfullie ſummoned be the brethren of the Exerceis of Forfar, and referit to this day, being called and nocht compeirand, havand refuiſed to ſubſcryve and ſweir the Articles of Religioun, and to communicate. The Moderatour and brethren foirſaid ar ordained to inſiſt againſt him, with all diligens, to excommunicatioune.

G. Moutray.—Compeired ſiclyk Georg Moutray, in the parochine of Merkinſh, inceſtous with Janet Wilſone, quho had borne ane bairne to Robert Moutray, his fatheris brother, confeſſit his hynous offens, and wes remitted to ſatiſfie in the ſaid kirk.

Jhone Weymes abſolved from excommunicatioune.—Anent the humble ſupplicatioune of Jhone Weymes of Potincreif, excommunicate for the ſlauchter of vmquhile . . . Weymes, his naturall brother, craving, that, ſeing God hes touched and moved his heart with vnfained repentans, for the ſaid moſt abominable cryme, and is moſt willing to ſatiſfie the Kirk in all things, as ſall be thocht meitt for removing the ſclander iuſtlie raiſed thairvpon, as at lenth is contained in his ſupplicatioune foirſaid, thairfoir the boſome of the Kirk may be opened to him, and he abſolved from the heavie ſentens abouementionate, The ſaid rycht Reverend Father and brethren, having ſein and red the relaxatioune of the ſaid Jhone from the Kings Majeſties horne, for the cryme foirſaid, and conſidering that

thair is na *vindex ſanguinis* quho hes perſewed or will perſew the ſaid Jhone thairfoir, thei being all commoune freindis to the parties offendar and offendit, to quhom alſo the ſaid Jhone hes ſubmitted him ſelf for making aſſythment, as ſowld be thocht meitt,—admitted the ſaid Jhone to thair preſens, quho in maiſt humble maner acknowledged his hynous cryme, and moved moiſt earniſtlie to be looſed, as ſaid is: Quhairfoir the ſaid Jhone wes decernit to be abſolved from the ſentens of excommunicatioune, having ſatiſfiet as followes, viz.: It wes ſtatute and ordained, that the ſaid Jhone ſall preſent him ſelf fyve ſeverall Sabbothes *ſucceſſivè* in the places of publict repentans, within the kirkes of Dumfermling, Kirkaldie, Dyſert, Coupar, and St. Androis, his compeirans to be in lineis;[1] and he to report from the miniſteris of the kirkes *reſpectivè* abouementionate, teſtimoniallis of his humble ſatiſfactioune; vpon exhibitioune quhairof, and his continowans in good behaviour, he ſalbe abſolved vpon that day he ſall compeir in St. Androis, as ſaid is. Lyk as, the ſaid Jhone bound and obleſſit himſelf, That in reſpect thair is ane heavie ſclander throcht the reſort continowallie and cohabitatioune of William Steward in his hous, thairfoir he ſall do all diligens that lyeth in him for removing the ſaid William thairfra. Finallie, for that effect, it is concludit, that my Lord Biſhop of Dunkeld ſall be dealt with for procuring the ſame, if he ſall reſort to the boundis of his juriſdictioune; and the brethren of the Exerceis of Pearth to haue the ſame cair as occaſioune ſall offer to thame.

Queſtio.—Item, the queſtioune proponit be the Moderatour and brethren foirſaid, Quhat ordour ſalbe takin with the man quho ſclanderis ane virgine, alledging he had carnall copulatioune with her, the young [woman] denying, and offring to ſwear? is referrit to further advyſement.

Seſſio 4ª. 23 Apr.

Act, Murthereris, Adultereris, etc.—Anent the repentans of murthereris, inceſtuous, adultereris, and quadrulaps in fornicatioune, It is concludit, that in all tyme coming the perſones committaris of the foirſaidis haynous crymes ſalbe preſented befoir the Synode, and in thair preſens reſaue iniunctioun

[1] Sackcloth.

anent ſatiſfactioune to be maid be thame, and ſicklyk, befoir thair abſolutioune, ſall of new compeir befoir the Synode. It is always permitted to the brethren of the Exerceiſes, to enter adultereris and quadrulaps in fornicatioune to repentans, nocht preſentand thame to the Synode, incais it ſall happine thame to be dilated ane gryt ſpace befoir the Synode, but ſpeciallie provydit that nane be abſolved but be thair directioune.

Patrik Gray papiſt.—Patrik Gray in Langforgownd being callit, compeirit. Againſt quhom the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie gave in ane accuſatioune; quhilk being layd to his charge, he confeſſit as followes. Firſt, that he had borne ane dead corps in the tyme of the buriall thairof aboue ane cors ſtanding in the kirk yaird; but denyed that he wes ether the author thairof, or placed any religioune thairin. Item, that immediatelie thairafter he entered within the kirk of Fowles, and at the altar ſtane, as yet ſtanding, kneeled and maid his prayers; quhilk he did only for his eas, and nocht for any religioune. Item, that the ſame being the Saboth day he departed and hard nocht the preiching, being willing to eſhew als many as he might. Item, that he had lent to Beſſie Kynneir in Innergowrie Mr. Nicol Burne his buik[1] vpon her awin ſuitt. Item confeſſit, that having preſented him ſelf to the Lordis Table in the kirk of Fowles, he did nether eat the bread nor drink the wyne, but ſhifted thame from him ſelf to thame quho ſatt next to him. Finallie, confeſſit him ſelf ane papiſt, and in no ways reſolved in the religioun preſentlie profeſſed.

The Synode, conſiddering how ſclanderous the ſaid Patrik hes bein, concludit, that he ſalbe referrit to be takin ordour with be the Lordis of the High Commiſſioune, quho ar to ſitt the morne, that he may be puniſhed be thame as affeiris. And ordaines Mrs. Robert Reid and Androw Myrtowne to attend the High Commiſſioune for giffing informatioune to the Lordis thairof as ſalbe requiſite; and to that tyme my Lord Archbiſhop wes deſyred to caus put the ſaid Patrik in firmance.

Androw Lord Gray.—Androw Lord Gray being requyred to compeir befoir the Synode for giffing ſatiſfactioune to the kirk anent his reſolu-

[1] Nicolas Burn, professor of philosophy at St Andrews, was the author of a Disputation on the controverted points of religion between Protestants and Papists, printed at Paris 1581, 8vo.

tioune in religioune, compeirit [Sir Walter] Ogilvie of Finlater knycht, his father in law, declairing, that the ſaid Lord is nocht reſolved in the headis and articles of religioune; craved, thairfoir, maiſt earniſtlie that conferens may be granted to him for his reſolutioun. In reſpect of his tender yeiris, and good expectatioune of his winning to the Kirk, the Aſſemblie concludit that conferens ſalbe had with him. And for that effect, nominated Mr. Androw Clayhillis, miniſter at Manifuith, and Mr. David Lyndeſay, miniſter at Dundie, and Mr. Henrie Philp, miniſter at Arbroth, and Mr. Henrie Fullertown, miniſter at Forfarr; with charge and commandement to tham to repair to the dwelling place of the ſaid Lord evrie weik vpon Twyſday and Wedinſday, two of the foirnamed being alwayes together, *per vices;* And the ſaidis Mrs. Androw and David to beginne the next week immediatelie inſewing, and thair after in the week following the ſaidis Mrs. Henrie Philp and Henrie Fullertoun: and to continow in conferens anent the headis of religioune controverted according to thair courſes without intermiſſioune, induring the ſpace of thrie moneithis. Provyding alwayes, that the ſaid Lord behaue him ſelf, induring the ſpace aboue deſigned, dewtifullie in frequenting the kirk for heiring of the Word, and keip the tyme aſſigned to his Lordſhip for conferens. And alſo, that he bind and obleis him ſelf induring the ſpace foirſaid, that he ſall nether heir maſſe, nor ſett into his pabae, maſs-preiſt, jeſuite, or excommunicate papiſt. For fulfilling quhairof the ſaid Sir [Walter] Ogilvie of Finlater, and Sir Alexander Falconer of Halkertowne, knychtis, took burden. Finallie, That the domeſtick ſervantes to the ſaid Lord giffen in roll be the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie, ſall, at the viſitatioune of the kirk of Fowles, ether ſatiſfie in ſweiring and ſubſcryving the Confeſſioune of Fayth, or then his Lordſhip ſall remove thame, or ſa many of thame as ſall happin to refuis, with all diligens, from his companie; and ſall, at the viſitatioune foirſaid, tak ordour and willinglie condeſcend to remoue the ſuperſtitious monumentis as yet remaining in the ſaid kirk: for accompliſhment quhairof my Lord Archbiſhop promiſed to viſite the ſame *primo quoque tempore.*

Vniformitie of Diſcipline.—My Lord Archbiſhop reported, that the Synode of Lawthiane, in thair laſt meiting, has nominate certain brethren

of thair number for conveining with ſuch of this Synode as wes nominate in thair laſt Aſſemblie at Perth, for ſetting down ane vniformitie of diſcipline. In the quhilk work the Synode deſyrit his Lordſhip to inſiſt.

Eccleſia Conveth.—Anent the proviſioune of the kirk of Conveth, Mr. Alexander Symeſone, miniſter, meined him ſelf, that having for ane gryt ſpace ſerved in the miniſtrie, and having no ſtipend at all, exceptand ſuch as he had of the liberalitie of the gentlemen of the parochine, quhilk he looked not to be continowed, thairfor he will be forced to leave the ſaid miniſtrie. Sir Alexander Falconar of Halkertown, and Jhone Allerdeis, feir of that Ilk, in thair awin names and of the parochin, maid ſuitt, that the Maiſteres of the New College, perſonis of the ſaid parochine, may be vrged to provyde thair kirk. Siclyk, thair wes preſented from his Majeſtie ane letter to my Lord Archbiſhop, requyring his Lordſhip to do all diligens for proviſioune of the ſaid kirk. Quhairanent the Maiſteris foirſaidis being inquyred, they ſhew that their Colleg is meinlie provydit, vnder gryt burthen, and gett evill payment of the moiſt part of thair tennantis, quhairthrocht thei ar nocht able to provyde that kirk as thei wold. The gentlemen parochinaris offred to provyde thair miniſter vpon reaſonable conditiounes. The Synode thocht meitt that thair be nominate certane to commune betwix thame, viz. for the Colleg, the Rector of the Vniverſitie, and Sir Jhone Learmounth of Balcolmie; for the parochine, Mr. Georg Young, the Goodman of Kirktowne, and Mr. Patrik Lyndeſay, by quhois travellis, if ane ſetling may nocht be had, my Lord Archbiſhop ſall convein the viſitouris of the ſaid Colleg, that thei may decerne thairanent.

Kilmanie.—The parochinaris of Kilmanie proponed thair ſuitt, that his Majeſtie may be dealt with for granting libertie to Mr. James Melvil, thair miniſter, to returne to thame, quhairin my Lord Archbiſhop ſall travell.

Drunkardis.—It being heavilie regraited, that the vyce of drunkennes [is] now become ſa commoune, and yet no puniſhment inflicted vpon drunkardis, The Synode thocht meitt that advyſment ſalbe takin be the High Commiſſioune, and ſome ordour takin for repreſſing the ſame.

Pluralitie of Kirkes.—The Synode, conſidering how gryt ane hinderans to the Goſpell is broght be the pluralitie of Kirkes ſervit be ane perſone, and that thair ar many Actes alredy of the Generall Aſſemblie againſt the

ſame, thocht meitt that preſent tryell be of all ſuch. Efter inquiſitioune thair wer found as followes:

Within the boundis of *Dundie*, Fowles and Lundie, in the perſone of Mr. Androw Mortowne; Roſſie and Aberneitt, in Mr. Georg Haitlie; Inſhture and Benvie, in Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour; Maines and Strikmartine, in Mr. William Raitt; Liff, Logie, and Innergowrie, in Mr. Jhone Duncane. *Forfarr.* Clovay vnplanted, ſerved be David Brown; Mathie and Inneraritie, in the perſon of Mr. David Williamſon. *Brechine.* Newdoſk[1] vnplanted, ane pairt thairof going to Edzell, ane part to Fetterkairne; Auldbar and Aberlemno, in Jhone Lyndeſay. *Meirnes.* Caterline and Kinneff, in Mr. James Raitt.[2] *Peirth.* Cambuſmichaell and St. Martines Kirk, in the perſone of Mr. Jhone Stratachine; Forteviot and Muckerſſie, in Mr. James Ros; Kilſpindie and Raitt, in Mr. James Row; Loncardie, Pitcairnes, and Redgortoune, in the perſone of William Young; Erroll and Inſhmartine, in Mr. James Smyth. *Coupar.* It is found, that St. Michaelis Kirk is vnplanted, and the parochinaris thairof being annexed to na vther, nether ſubject to any particular diſcipline, ar verie offenſiue to all that ar adjacent to thame. It is thocht meitt thairfoir, that the miniſter and ſeſſioune of Coupar haue ane cair of thame, and hold thame vnder diſcipline. And that the Maiſteris of the New Colleg, perſons of the ſaid parochine, be dealt with to acknowledg thair paines. *Kirkaldie.* Merkinſh and Kirkforther, in the perſone of Mr. Jhone Mitchelſone; Weymes and Methill, in the perſone of Mr. Jhone Tullais. *Dumfermeling.* Innerkeithing and Raſyth, in the perſone of Mr. Robert Roch.

The Synode referred to advyſement, how the kirkes abouenamed vnplanted may be planted; as alſo, that ſuch kirkes as may be diſſevered, may nocht be holdin in the perſone of ane man. The brethren appoynted to convein at St. Androis, the 12 day of Maij nextocome, ar to ſie quhat light thei may gif to the ſame; and thairafter, my Lord Archbiſhop to haue regaird for taking away the foirſaid evill, as ſaid is, with all diligens.

[1] Newdosk was afterwards united to the parish of Edzell.

[2] Caterline and Kinneff now form one parish.

The Provinciall Synode of the Prelates of the Province of St. Androis, holdin in the said citie vpon the 24 day of Apryle 1612.

The foirſaidis day and place, Georg Gordoune of Gicht, ... Wood, his ſpous, Mr. Alexander Leſlie, Mr. Michael Fraſhar and his ſpous, excommunicat papiſtes, lawfullie ſummoned, being callit and nocht compeirand, It is concludit that thei ſalbe charged to compeir befoir the High Commiſſioune in ane meiting thairof to be holdin at Edinburgh, the aucht day of Junij nextocome.

Jhone Chein.—Jhone Chein, in . . . . being callit, compeirit. Being accuſed of having reſaitt preiſtes, jeſuites, etc. and having meſſe-clothis in his hous, purged him ſelf of the haill premiſſes, and produced ane teſtificatioune from Mr. Robert Merſher, miniſter at Allane, that he has communicat with the remanent of that congregatioune. Being demandit anent his reſolutioune in the religioune, declared him ſelf to be reſolved and to profes with ws in all things. And wes ordained to pas to the kirk of Abirdein, vpon the tent day of Maij nextocome, being the Saboth, and publictlie to ſweir and ſubſcryue the Confeſſioune of Fayth, and communicate, quhilk he promiſed to do. Lyk as, he band and obleſſit him ſelf, vnder the paine of fyve hundreth libs. money, that he ſall find good and reſponſall ſovertie and cautioune to be bound and become obleſſit for him in the ſowme of thrie hundreth merkis mony, that he ſall heirafter keip his hous frie from reſaitt of quhatſomever papiſtes, preiſtes, ſeminaries, jeſuites, etc. as law will. Finallie, it is ordainit that Elſpat Garioch, ſpous to the ſaid Jhone, and Jhone Chein thair ſone, be ſummoned to the dyett aboue deſigned, viz. 8 Junij.

At Kinnell, 4 Maij 1612.—Mr. Henrie Futhie admitted miniſter of the ſaid Kirk.

The Visitatioune of the Kirk of Fowles, 6 Maii 1612.

Servantis, Lord Gray.—The quhilk day, eftir doctrine proponit be the ſaid

rycht Reverend Father and invocatioune of Godis holy name, according to the ordinans and conclufioune of the laitt diocefiane Synode, the domeftick fervantis of Androw Lord Gray, requyred and warned to this day, wer called feverallie and inquyred anent thair religioune. Compeired Patrik Gray, fone to Robert Gray of Milnehill, Robert Gray of Drumelie, and Robert Craw, profeffed thame felfis to be of the trew religioune profeffed publictlie according to the prefent lawes of this kingdome, and offred to fweir and fubfcryue the Confeffioune of Fayth, and to communicate quhen and quhair thei falbe requyred, lyk as thei had done hitherto how oft the fame was celebrate in the foirfaid kirk. Concerning quhom it wes concludit, that the Confeffioune of Fayth falbe giffen to thame, that thei may reid, confider, and haue knowledge of the fame; and that thei fall compeir befoir the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie the morne moneth, and in thair prefens fubfcryue and fweir to the fame; and bind thame felfis to communicate at fuch tyme and place as falbe thocht meitt. In the performans quhairof, if thei or any of thame fall failzie, it is concludit, that my Lord fall immediatelie thairafter remoue thame, or any of thame, from his fervice.

Siclyk compeired, being called, Robert Menzies and Androw Gray, fervitouris foirfaidis; being demandit concerning thair refolutioune in religioune, refuifed to fweir and fubfcryue the Confeffioune; quhairfoir it wes concludit, that my Lord fall with diligens remoue thame from his place and fervice.

The faid rycht Reverend Father and brethren conveinit, vpon fundrie good refpectis, thocht meitt and concludit, that my Lord fall repair to the burgh of Dundie for keiping conferens with the brethren nominate in the laitt Synode; and evrie Tyfday falbe firft prefent at the doctrine, and thairafter enter to thair conferens.

Item, it is ftatute and ordained, that the paintrie quhilk is vpon the pulpitt and ruid laft, being monumentes of idolatrie, falbe obliterate be laying it over with grein colour. The minifter with diligens to fie the fame exped.

Da. Abercrombie.—David Abercrombie of Gowrdie being callit, compeirit; inquyred anent his religioune, declared that he profeffed the trew

religioune with ws, and promiſed to ſweir and ſubſcryue the Confeſſioune of Fayth, quhenſoever he ſall be requyred. Lyk as, his miniſter ſhew that he hes fra tyme to tyme communicate with the remanent parochinaris. He promiſed heirafter, for eſchewing of offens, nocht to reaſone in any queſtioun of religioune.[1]

THE SYNODE OF THAT PART OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS QUHILK LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE GRYT SCOLES OF ST. SALVATOURS COLLEGE, ST. ANDROIS, 29 AND 30 SEPT. 1612.

Chancellar.—My Lord Archbiſhop reported, that having acquainted the Kings majeſtie with the offens vpon the paintrie of my Lord Chancellar his daſk in the kirk of Dumfermeling, had reported his Hienes will that the Kirk inſiſt no further in proces againſt his Lordſhip, ſeing his Majeſtie thoght the offens ſufficientlie removed.

Huntlie.—Erroll.—Foraſmikle, as all dealing that the Kirk vndertakis againſt papiſtrie and the profeſſoures thairof is vneffectuall ſa lang as no ordour is takin with the principallis, viz. the Marqueis of Huntlie and Earle of Erroll; heirfoir it is concludit, that my Lord Archbiſhop ſall direct ane ſupplicatioune to his Majeſtie fra this aſſemblie, with all dew reverens, regraitting the evill that aryſes and growes in the countrey throcht the overſicht granted to thame; and craving, that the Marqueis and his Lady (as thei quho ar gryt perverteris of vtheris) may both be removed from the countrey, and the Earle of Erroll committed to ane moir fitt ward than heirtofoir. And ſiclyk that, according to the lawes of the countrey, thair eſcheittes be takin vp. And becaus the continowall reſort of divers of all eſtates to the ſaid Earle is verie offenſiue, thairfoir it is ordained, that his excommunicatioune be intimate of new in the pulpittes of Peirth and vtheris adjacent, with ſtraitt inhibitioune to all, alſweill

[1] Thomas Abercrombie of Pittelpie also gave a similar promise, "in tyme coming to eshew all speech in controversies of religioune, and to haue no reasoning thairanent."

noble as vtheris, to refort to him (exceptand fuch as be neceffitie of nature and be law haue libertie,) vnder [the] paines of the cenfures of the Kirk to be execute againft the tranfgreffouris.

Excommunicatis.—Item, for tryell of the noncommunicantis, It is ordained, that ilk brether in quhois boundis fuch ar fall gif thame in formallie, viz. the names of the perfones, together with the tyme at the quhilk the communioune wes celebrate, and the requifitioune maid thairanent. And ficlyk, that thei gif vp the names of the refaitteris of thame, with the witneffes quho may be vfed for probatioune.

Laird of Gicht.—Forfamikle as George Gordoune of Gicht, excommunicat papift, hes heirtofoir giffen manyfold declaratiounes of his wilfull and obftinate continowans in papiftrie; and that his laitt dealing with the prelattis and minifteris, making fome fhew of ane defyre to be refolved in the headis of religioune, hes bein for no vther end but to illude the Kirk, and efhew the further executioune of the lawes againft him: Thairfoir concludit and ordained, that the excommunicatioune of the faid Georg falbe intimate of new in all the kirkes of this Synode, with ftraitt inhibitioune to any perfone to refaitt him; and that evrie Exerceis fall try fuch as falbe found to failzie heirin, and proceid againft thame be the cenfures of the Kirk, as thei falbe countable vpon the difcharge of thair offices. As alfo, that the conclufioune foirfaid falbe fhawin to the Bifhop and miniftrie of Aberdein, that thei may know that he is in no dealing with the Kirk heir; and for this effect Mr. James Sibbald fall caus convoy the Act of this Synode to Aberdein with all convenient diligens.

Pat. Gray.—The brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie reported, that Patrik Gray in Langforgound hes fubfcryved and fworne the Confeffioune of Fayth, and communicate.

William Hardie.—William Hardie in Kallinch, within the parochine of Seres, lawfullie fummoned be the directioune of the Exerceis of Coupar, after many admonitiounes, to compeir befoir this Synode to anfwer for his manifeft refuifall theis many yeirs bygane to heir Godis word, or refaue the holy facrament; as alfo for fuffring his bairne to ly vnprefented to baptifme, and finallie, for blafpheiming the Word and Miniftrie thairof in open audiens of fundrie people, as in the fummondis at mair lenth is conteined;

being called, compeired nocht. The Synode ordained the minifter of Seres to pas fordward with the cenfures of the Kirk againft the faid William, and to gif the firft publict admonitioune the next Saboth, and to prefent the proces to my Lord Archbifhop after he hes giffen the thrid admonitioune.

30 *Sept. Seff.* 3a.

Lord Gray.—Forfamikle as Androw Lord Gray having granted to him be the laitt diocefiane Synode, holdin in this citie in the moneth of Apryle laft bypaft, ane competent tyme, and brethren nominate induring the fame to conferr with his Lordfhip for his refolutioune in the headis of religioune, quhilk tyme is long fince expyred; and as yet his Lordfhip hes giffen no fatiffactioune anent his refolutioune, as faid is, Thairfoir ordained and decerned, that [the] moderatour and brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie fall intend and continow proces againft the faid Lord, according to the Actes and conftitutiounes of the Kirk, with all diligens, vnles his Lordfhip fall this day, or at leift befoir the departour of the brethren abouenamed from this citie, compeir and condifcend to fatiffie the kirk in all things at the ficht of my Lord Archbifhop and brethren of the Exerceis foirfaid.

Effie, Nevay.—Mr. Georg Sommer, minifter at Effie and Nevay, craves that the faidis kirkes may be inrolled amongs theis for diffevering, quhairof ane cair is to be had. Item, the kirkes of Torrie and Crombie.

Librarie.—Forfamikle as the Vniverfitie of St. Androis have intendit and maid ane reafonable progres in building and erecting ane commoune Librarie for the vfe of fuch as afpyre to learning, The Affemblie, willing to hald hand to ane work fa good and profitable, willinglie condefcendit to contribute thairto, as alfo to affift the collectouris depute be the faid Vniverfitie, when it fall happin thame to repair to thair particular congregatiounes for obteining the benevolens of the gentlemen in the countrey to the faid work. Such of the brethren as wer prefentlie difpofed gaiff according to thair difcretioune. The remanent did infert with thair awin handis into ane roll, according as thei fall gif or fend to the collectouris foirfaidis, *primo quoque tempore.*

Queſtio adulteraris.—Anent the queſtioune propondit, Quhither hynous offendoures, as adulteraris and vtheris of that ſort, ſowld be admitted to mak thair publict repentans in licht apparell, earings, and ſiclyk? It is anſwerit, that ſuch perſons awcht to preſent thame ſelfis all the dayes of thair publict compeirans in ſackloth.

Traffique with Witches.—Anent the queſtioune, Quhat ordour ſalbe takin eccleſiaſtically with traffequeris with witches? It is anſwerit, that thei awcht to be put to publict repentans.

Bruntiland.—Item, the brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ar ordained to deall with the miniſter, magiſtrates, and towne of Bruntiland, that thei may tak ordour for having ane good ſcole eſtabliſhed in thair ſaid burgh for inſtructing the yowth in the grammer; and incais thei ſall find any impediment, to advertis my Lord Archbiſhop.

THE DIOCESIAN SYNODE OF ST. ANDROIS BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE SAID CITIE, 13 AND 14 OF APRYLE 1613, BE GEORG ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Seſſ. 2da.

Abſentis Mr. J. Carmichael, Mr. W. Watſone.—The abſentis from the laſt Synode being tryed wer all excuſed, exceptand certane of thes quho wer anis confyned be his Majeſties authoritie; ſpeciallie it wes found that ane letter, giffing warrant to Mrs. William Watſone and Jhone Carmichael to repair to the Aſſemblies, from my Lord Archbiſhop, wes delyverit be Mrs. Jhone Mitchelſone and Robert Zuill *reſpectivè*, who alſo ſhew to thame the will of the Synode agreable thairto; alwayis ſeing the ſaidis Mrs. William and Jhone alledge that thei wer confyned be civill power, and can be lowſed be na vther: forſamikle as the actioune is mixed, the Synode willed and deſyred my Lord Archbiſhop to ſummon and convein thame befoir the Lordis of High Commiſſioune for tryell of the relevancie of thair excuſes.

Huntlie.—Erroll.—My Lord Archbiſhop reported, that according to the

conclufioune of the laft Synode, he wreitt to his Majeftie anent the Marquis of Huntlie and Earle of Erroll, quhilk hes takin the effect following, viz. The Marques is prefentlie at Court together with the Bifhop of Brechine, who hes dealt in conferens with him, of purpois (as is thoght) to conforme him felf. Item, that certane ar apoynted to deall with the Earle of Erroll.

Lady Parbroth.—Item, it is reported, that Gilbert Seatoune, immediatelie efter the laft Synode, paft off the countrey, and that his mother, the Lady of Parbroth, offeris to fubfcryue and fwear the Confeffioune of Fayth.

Andro Lord Gray confeffioune.—My Lord Archbifhop reported, that vpon the laft Saboth, the elevinth of this inftant, Andro Lord Gray had, in prefens of many honourable witneffes, fubfcryved and folemnlie fworne the Confeffioune of Fayth, and thairafter did communicate in the paroche kirk of St. Androis; and hes promifed, at the terme of Witfonday next, to remoue fuch of his domeftick fervantis as wer nominate at the vifitatioune of the kirk of Fowles. His Lordfhips confeffioune being exhibite, wes ordained to be infert in the regifter *ad futuram memoriam*; the tenour quhair followes:—

I beleiv with my hart, with my toung confes, and with my hand subscryue æfaldlie and simplie theis articles and poyntis of religioun after following, as I sall answer to God vpon my salvatioun, and to men vpon my honour and credite.

I believ and am suirlie perswadit that all thingis necessar for mens salvatioune ar conteinit within the written word of God, that is to say, the authentick and canonicall buikes of the Awld and New Testament.

I am suirlie perswadit and fullie assuired that the making and adoratioune of images, ayther for thameselfis or for representatioune of God or any sainct, is idolatrie and forbidden be the word of God.

I confes, grant, and am fullie perswadit, that be nature I am subject to sinne and damnatioune, and am delyverit from the guiltines thairof onlie and allenarlie be the frie and vndeservit grace of God for the merites and sufferings of Jesus onlie. And thairfoir, I exclude my workes, or the workis of any creature besyde Jesus from the meritorious caus of my salvatioune.

Albeit that good workis be na wayes the caus of my salvatioune, bot the grace of God and Chrystis merite, quhilk is apprehendit and applyit be the instrument of fayth; yet as I beleiv and profes that good workis ar to be done for the obediens to God, for pacefiing my awin consciens, and that I may glorifie God be good example to vtheris; this I affirme, that fayth that

wanteth good workis and ane holy lyff is deid and ineffectuall, and is nocht the instrument of trew salvatioune and justificatioune.

I know and am fullie perswadit that fayth cometh by heiring the Word of God preached, and that the sacramentis ar the sealis and confirmatiouns of the samine word; and thairfor, I abhorr all kynd of service and administratioune publict in the kirk, ether of the word or sacramentis, in ane vnknowen toung.

I acknowledge thair ar two Sacramentis onlie apperteining to all christians in the New Testament, Baptisme and the Lordis Supper.

I confes that the breid and wyne ar nocht transubstantiate in the Lordis supper, bot only change in thair vse; and thairfor, the breid remaines breid, and the wyne, wyne, efter the wordis of the institutioune. The elementis, being that way sanctefide, ar nocht onlie signes, bot also suir sealis of the giffing and receiving of the spirituall thing signified.

Since God wilbe servit in spirituall worship only according to his commandement, and that prayer is ane of the principall poyntis of his service, and since that God be his word hath declarit that to his Majestie only we awcht to pray, as to him who hath power almightie, mercie endles, knowledg sufficient of all our misteris and miseries, outward and inward; and since thair is bot ane God and ane mediatour betwix God and man, Thairfoir to God only will I pray, and will acknowledg and imploy the Lord Jesus allenarlie, and no vther in heavine nor in the earth, for my mediatour, both of redemptioune and intercessioune.

I acknowledg that the Kings Majestie is supreme governour, immediatelie vnder God, over all persons and in all causes, baith civill and ecclesiasticall, within his Majesties awin dominiounes, and that no forrein estaites or preist hes any jurisdictione over me in any of the foirsaidis causes.

And finallie, with my hart I ioyne my self with the Kirk of Scotland, that publictlie according to the present lawes of the countrey professis the reformed religioun, preached be the ordinar ministeris that publictlie and avowedlie preach the same, and as our soveraine lord the Kings Majestie, in his awin persone, and be his lawes, makis professioune thairof. I acknowledg the said Kirk of Scotland to be ane pairt of the trew visible Kirk, and I ioyne thairto as ane trew member thairof. And theis articles I subscryve and sweir simplie and sincerelie as thei stand, without equivocatioune or mentall reservatioune, so saue me God in that gryt day.

Sic subscribitur. GRAY.

The witnesses, my Lord Archbishop of St. Androis, Mr. Georg Young rectour of the Vniversitie, my Lord Commissar, Duncane Balfour provest, Jhone Arnot and Mr. William Weyms bailyies, Sir Jhone Lermonth of Balcomie knight, Mr. Robert Lermonth advocat, the Laird of Corstown, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. William Lumisden, Mr. Andro Mortown, with vtheris dyvers.

Gray.—And becaus the monumentis of idolatrie painted in the kirk of Fowles ar nocht as yet removed, the Synode giffes be thir prefentis full power and commiffioun to Mrs. Andro Clayhills, Jhone Duncane, Robert

Rind, and Andro Mortown to pas to the ſaid kirk, and aboliſh altogether the afoirſaid monumentis; as alſo for bringing to conformitie ſuch of my Lordis ſervantis as wer nominate in the viſitatioune to be dealt with.

Seſſ. 3a 14 Apryle.

Iſabell Lundie contra Jhone Aitone.—Anent the complaint maid be Iſobell Lundie, ſiſter-germane to vmquhile Robert Lundie of Balgonie, vpon Jhone Aitone, making mentioune in effect that quhairas ſex yeiris ſince, or thairby, the ſaid Jhone had contractit mariage with her, and thair bandis proclamit in the kirk of Merkinſh lawfullie; lyk as the ſaid Jhone had, vpon faythfull promeis of mariage, had carnall copulatioune with her; nochtwithſtanding, the ſaid Jhone nocht only hes defferrit to accompliſh the mariage with her, bot alſo intending to ioyne himſelf to another, hes contracted mariage with Criſtian Boſwell, and hes cauſit proclame thair bandis in the kirkis of Kingleſſie and Portmoak: Craving thairfor that the miniſteris of the ſaidis kirkes may be commandit to deſiſt from further proclamatioune of thair bandis, and the ſaid Jhone may be compellit to accompliſh the mariage with the complainer. The ſaid Jhone, being demandit anent the premiſſes, denyit her complaint, as it is conceived. The Synode, nocht finding tham willing to ſettle that mater amicablie, referred thame to the Judge Ordinar; and ordained the ſaid Iſobell to intend and beginne proces within the ſpace of twentie dayes, and to proſecute the ſame with all diligens. In the meantyme, the proclamatiouns of the bandis of the ſaidis Jhone and Criſtiane to ſtay, and no miniſter to grant to thame mariage till ether the proces be finiſhed and concludit, or ellis the ſaid Iſobell remis in proſecuting the ſame.

Report, Burley.—Mrs. Patrik Lyndeſay and Thomas Douglas returned ane anſwer from my Lord of Burley, that he is reſolved anent the trewth of religioun, had communicate in London, and wold, at any tyme dewlie fortold, receiv the communione, nothing having hinderit him laitlie exceptand vpon greif at ſome perſones who had miſreported him to the Kings Majeſtie. His anſweir being alſo directed to the Aſſemblie in wreitt, was ordainit to be regiſtrat; the tenour quhairof followes:—

Mr. Patrik Lyndesay and Mr. Thomas Douglas, being direct to me from the reverend assemblie now conveinit at this present Synode, thair desyre wes to know if I wold communicate, or if I had communicate since this tyme twelmonth. I answeirit thame, that I cowld nocht refuis to tak my sacrament (vpon fyftein dayes premonitioune for making preparatione at any tyme when thei desyrit;) bot presentlie I cowld nocht communicate, nocht for any scruple of religioune, bot for scruple of consciens in ane mater quhilk particularlie I impertit to thame. Thairfoir I willed thame, vpon this reasonable caus, that thei wold mak my excuis; with protestatioune, that immediatelie the caus being removed, I sowld effectuate thair desyre at any tyme or in any place thei wold appoynt. I haue now taken occasione to direct thir presentis to desyre that this my lawfull excuis, sincerelie manifested be me, may be takin in gude part, as his who will bestow the hazard of his lyf and spending of his blood in defens of that Religioune professit be his Majestie and authorizet be theis Kirkes within his dominions. In witnes quhairof, I haue subscryvit this presentis with my hand, at my ludging in St. Androis, the fourtenth day of Apryle the yeir of God I^m VI^c and thrittein yeiris.

Sic subscribitur, BALFOUR.

SR. [J ?] BALFOUR of Muntquhany, *witnes.*

SR. [H ?] BALFOUR of Baledmonth, *witnes.*

Agnes Anſtruther.—The brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ordanit to preſent to my Lord Archbiſhope ane dittay againſt Agnes Anſtruther, ſuſpect of witchcraft, that being found of weght ſho may be perſewed be the Kings advocate.

Regiſter.—It is ſtatute and ordainit, that evrie Exerceis haue ane authentick regiſter of the manſes and gleibis of all the Kirkes within thair precinct, the deſignations and particuler eſtate of thame; and that thei preſent the ſame to the next Synode.

Mans, Gleib.—Item, that ilk Exerceis tak tryell if thair be any of thair number who hes ſett his mans or gleib to any vther perſone, that the offender herein may be puniſhed.

Scole, Bruntiland.—It is reported, that as yet thair can nocht be had ane grammer ſcole in Bruntiland, the councell of the towne being ſlaw thairin, and contenting thame ſelfis with ane who teaches thair bairnes to reid and wreitt. Forſamikle as it wes anis concludit in ane viſitatioune, that ane grammer ſcole ſalbe had within that burgh, and it is moſt neceſſar that it be ſo, thairfor it is ordainit that letteris be rayſed vpon the Act of viſitatioune, etc.

Queſtio, Lownan.—Anent the queſtioune proponit be the miniſter of

Lownan, concerning ane woman, who being of age fourtie yeiris or thairabout, and yet vnbaptized, her father refuiſing in this to do the dewtie of ane parent at her birth, quhilk being reveilit to her be her mother at the tyme of her deceis, ſho hes ane long tyme conceiled the ſame, and now maiſt earniſtlie craved the ſeall of baptiſme; It is concludit, that exact tryall ſalbe takin if ſho may be found to haue bein baptized, and incais no evidens may be had thairof, the woman ſall compeir befoir the Exerceis of Arbroth, and declair as is abouexpremit, and thairafter ſalbe baptized.

Tryell, Lyndeſay.—Publict requiſitioune maid, and als who had any thing to lay to the charge of any of the brethren in the boundis aboue deſigned, requyred to compeir and propone the ſame. The brethren wer removed as vſe is, be thair awin numberis. No fault wes found in thair lyfis or doctrine; alwayes Mr. David Lindeſay, miniſter at Kinnettellis, wes rebuiked for vſing moe numberis of poyntis, and in another maner, nor becommeth the gravitie of ane miniſter: And is ordainit to abſtein from ſiclyk in tyme coming.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRKES OF KINFANS AND KILSPINDIE, AT THE KIRK OF KILSPINDIE FOIRSAID, 1 SEPTEMBER 1613.

Mans and Gleib.—Efter invocatioune of the holy name of God, and doctrine proponit be the ſaid ryght Reverend Father, vpon Ps. 119, *mem*, Mr. Alexander Bruce, miniſter at Kinfans, wes found nocht to be reſident, be reaſone he wantis ane mans altogether, and ane pairt of the gleib. For remedie quhairof, it is appoynted, that the Biſhop of Dunkeld and Mr. William Buchannane proveſt of Methuen, ſall deſigne the ſame *primo quoque tempore;* and the miniſter is ordained to intend actioun for obteining poſſeſſioune of the ſame befoir the next Synode, vnder paine of ſuſpenſioune fra the miniſtrie. Being removed, wes found and declared be all that wer preſent to be of blameles lyf and ſound doctrine.

No excommunicatis found, noncommunicantis, papiſtes, or thair reſaitteris.

Scole.—Thair is ane ſcolmaiſter, James Carnegie, who wes allowed. And for intertainment of the ſcole in all tyme coming, it is concludit, be commoune advyſe and conſent, that evrie ane within the ſaid parochine labouring ane plewch gaitt of land, ſall pay yeirlie to the ſcolmaſter thrittein ſhillings four d., and ilk bairn within the parochine tawcht within the ſcole ſall pay quarterlie ſex ſhillings awcht d.

Item, it is found, that thei haue ane box, and provide for the poor. It is ordained, that all penalties exacted of tranſgreſſoris be imployed to the vſe of the poor.

The fabrick of the kirk found in good cace. It is ordained, that the parochinaris build the kirk dykes according to the act of Parliament. Item, that no buriall be permitted within the kirk, and that the offenderis in that ſort pay xl. libs.

The kirk is ane kirk of Scone, having in ſtipend the vicariage, whilk the miniſter is ordained to lift *in corporibus*, vnder paine of ſuſpenſioun. Thair is aſſigned, mairover, fyue chalder victuall, thrid pairt beir, twa part meill.

Thair Seſſioune.—Elders, Adame Rae of Pitfindie, Patrik Chalmeris of Savathie, James Chalmeris of Segiden, Henrie Browne of Panſhill, Georg Scott of Kirkſtyle, William Lyndeſay of Haggiſhall, James Huntar of Patlowre, &c.

KILSPINDIE.—RAITT.

Mr. James Row, miniſter, reſident at the kirk of Kilſpindie, is found to teach onlie at the ſaid kirk, and is to beginne the next Saboth the Prophecie of Hoſeah.

It is ordained, that in tyme coming, he ſall beginne ſermone preceiſlie at ten houres, thairefter hold thair Seſſioune, and catecheis ane part of the parochine in the efternoone; and that the abſentis ſall pay, ilk maiſter ij s., ilk ſervant xij d.

Miniſter.—The ſaid Mr. James being removed, and the parochinaris inquyred anent his lyf and doctrine, It wes objected, that he reſorted over mikle to the burgh of Peirth, ſpeciallie vpon the Satterday, at quhilk tyme he, being giffen to drink, returns evill diſpoſed to teach vpon the Saboth.

Item, that he takis no paine to ſtudie, and is giffen to drink; as alſo, that he had for the ſpace of dyvars yeiris bygane intrometit with the penalties and poor folkis ſilver, and convertit the ſame to his awin vſe. The foirſaidis declarations being verie ſcandalous, the ſaid Mr. James wes admoniſhed and rebuiked becaus of thame. The further cenſure alwayes continowed till the next Synode.

Kilſpindie.—Item, it is found, that the rooffs of the kirk is verie ruinous, for reparatioune quhairof, and for bigging ane pulpitt, it is concludit, that ane taxatioune be rayſed of twa hundreth [1] the twa pairt thairof to be payed be the parochinaris, and the thrid part be the perſone.

Raitt.—Item, it is thocht meitt and concludit, that the kirk of Raitt be repayred. The maner efter quhilk the ſaid kirk ſalbe ſerved is to be ſett downe after the ſame ſalbe buildit.

Buriall.—Item, that the miniſter dilate all ſuch as haue buried any corps into the kirk within 12 moneth bygane. And in tyme coming no buriall to be within the kirk vnder paine of xl ℔ibs. to the offendar; and that the Laird of Kilſpindie for offending heirin be ſummoned befoir the High Commiſſioune.

Thair ar no papiſtes, or reſaittoris of thame.

Scole.—It is found, that thair is na commoune ſcole for educatioune of the yowth, be reaſone that no proviſioune hes bein maid for ane ſcolmaiſter; ffor remedie quhairof, it is concludit, that with all diligens thair be provydit ane qualified perſone who may be able to help the miniſter, for quhois intertainement the miniſter, with his awin conſent, is appoynted to pay yeirlie twentie ℔ibs., and everie ane labouring ane plougbgaitt of land in other of the parochins foirſaid ſall pay yeirlie xiij ſ. iiij d., and ilk bairne tawcht in the ſcole quarterlie ſall pay vj ſ. viij d.

Gleib.—The gleib of Kilſpindie nocht being fullie deſigned, It is appoynted, that ane commiſſioune be giffen for deſigning the ſame, and that tryell be takin if thair be any land within the parochine belonging to the perſone, to beginne thairat. The mans and gleib of Raitt to be deſigned at the bigging thairof. The kirk is ane of Scone, having the vicariage and ſex chalderis victuall.

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THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRKES OF KYNNAIRD, LIFF, LOGIE, AND INNERGOWRIE, INSHTUR, AND FORGOWND, AT THE KIRK OF LONGFORGOUND, VPON THE THRID DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1613.

KYNNAIRD.

Efter invocatioune of Godis holy name and doctrine be the ſaid rycht Reverend Father vpon the 1 Pet. 4, *a principio*, Mr. Robert Sommer, miniſter at Kynnaird, is found to be reſident within the parochine, but nocht vpon ane mans, thair being no mean for obteining mans or gleib. Item, to teach anis vpon the Saboth, his text, Prov. 15 and 24, and to hold the ſeſſioun efter ſermone, as alſo to catecheis in the efternoone. Being removed, wes allowed.

The communioun celebrate 20 Junij laſt. The Lairdis of Kinnaird, elder and younger, communicate not.

No excommunicatis, papiſtes, or thair reſaittoris.

It is found, that thei cair for the puir, and haue ane box, quhilk is appoynted to be keiped be Patrik Will, and the miniſter to keip the key.

Item, thair is ane ſcole tawght be Robert Awſone, quho being removed for tryell, it wes obiected againſt him that he is mikle giffen to drink, and in his drunkennes to outragious ſpeeches. He wes thairfoir rebuiked, and further cenſure of him remitted to the next Synode, to the quhilk he wes ſummoned *apud acta*.

LIFF, LOGIE, INNERGOWRIE.

Mr. Jhone Duncane, miniſter, is found reſident at the kirk of Liff; to teach at Liff befoir noon on the Saboth; his text, S. Jhone, *cap. vlt.*; and at Innergourie efter noon, his text, Pſ. 23, and to hold the ſeſſioune for all at Liff. Being removed, wes allowed.

The communioune celebrate in the moneth of Auguſt 1612, and nocht ſince for inlaik of the Elementis, vpon default of my Lord of Scone; alwayes thei ar preſentlie preparing for the ſame to be celebrate with convenient diligens.

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of Mains and heritouris, that thei may grant to him yeirlie theis thrittein bollis victuall whilk is ſuſpendit indureing the lyftym of Mr. Robert Bruce; wheirwith the miniſter being ſatiſfeit, may altogether leaue off from ſerving Strikmartine.

Scole.—Item, thei haue ane commoune ſcole tawcht be Jhone Petrie.

The kirk of Mains is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, having in ſtipend four chalder meill, half chalder beir, half chalder aittes; and thrittein bollis victuall as yet nocht poſſeſſt, but ſuſpendit induring Mr. Robert Bruice his lyftyme. William Bruice poſſeſſes the vicariage, being provydit thairto of old.

Strikmartine belongeth to the burgh of Edinburgh, and hes in ſtipend four ſcoir libs.

MURHOUS.

Mr. Henrie Duncane, miniſter, is found to teach on the Saboth befoir noone: text, Act. 5; bot hes no ordinar catechiſing, becaus thair is no meiting throcht defawlt of vptaking the penalties. For amendement wheirof, it is ordained, that ane commiſſioune be rayſed for executing the Acts of Parliament to my Lord Balmerinocht, the Laird of Powrie, Alexander Fotheringham, William Guthrie, and the miniſter; the foirnamed four promiſed to accepte.

Lykas, it is concludit be commoune advyſe, that in tyme comeing the heritour abſent from ſermone or catechiſing ſall pay 6 ß. 8 đ.; the huſbandman two ß.; the ſervant or cotterman 12 đ. *toties quoties.*

The miniſter and ſeſſioune dilated David Fotheringham, ane profaner of the Saboth day, and drunkard, noncomunicant, contemner of the miniſtrie, who lykwayes vpon the 15 day of Auguſt laſt bypaſt, paſt to mercatt, being the Saboth day, and having ſold his wyff, thairvpon fell in ploy. For the foirſaidis filthie crymes he is to be charged to the High Commiſſioun.[1]

Item, thair being no ſcole, it is concludit that ane ſcolemaſtér be pro-

[1] This is the only instance which the Editor has observed in Scotland of a practice not uncommon among the lowest vulgar in England, even at the present day, founded on the absurd notion that a man may lawfully sell his wife, provided he does so in the open market, with a halter around her neck.

vydit, for whois intertainement the minifter willinglie offred yeirlie four merkis money; and with commoune advys and confent, it is ordainit and concludit further, that everie ane within the faid parochine labouring ane plewch gaitt of land fall pay yeirlie to the fcolemafter threttein fhillings four đ., and ilk bairne within the parochine tawcht within the fcole, fall pay quarterlie 6 s̃. 8 đ.

The kirk is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, having in ftipend fex chalder thrie bollis victuall, and the vicariage. The minifter is difcharged to fett any tack thairof vnder paine of deprivatione.

The Seffioneris prefentlie admitted: my Lord Balmerinocht, Laird of Ogilvie, Alexander Fotheringham, William Guthrie of Weftgrange, &c.

MANIFUITH.

Mr. Androw Clayhillis, minifter, is found to teach twyfe on the Saboth: text Luke 6. It is concludit, that he fall teach anis and catecheis ane portioune of the parochine in the efternoon, and for that effect the parochine to be divydit in quarteris. The minifter being removed wes approven.

Thair being no fcole for inftructioune of the yowth, it is concludit, that ane fcolemafter be provydit, for whois intertainement it is concludit, with commoune advys and confent, that evrie ane within the faid parochine labouring ane plewch gaitt of land, fall pay yeirlie to the fcolemafter 13 s̃. 4 đ., and ilk bairne within the parochine tawcht within the fcole fall pay quarterlie 6 s̃. 8 đ.

The mans and gleib ar perfyte.

It is concludit, according to Gods word and acts of the Kirk, that all laboureris on the Saboth, in any tyme of yeir, fall mak publick repentans.

The minifter and feffioune meinit to my Lord Archbifhop, and fhew that the brigg of Monyfuith wes licklie to ruine, and craved that his Lordfhip wold gif advys for preventing the fame. It is thairfoir concludit, that the fame be motioned in the next Synode.

The Seffioune.—William Durhame of Grange, Henrie Ramfay of Ardowny, William Durhame of Vmmochy, &c.

The Synode of that pairt of the Diocie of St. Andros, whilk lyeth benorth Forth, holdin in the said Citie vpon the Fyft and Sext dayes of October 1613, be the rycht reverend Father in God, George Archbishop of St. Andros.

Seſſio 2da. in ſcolis Salvatorianis.

Huntly.—Anent the proceiding with the Marquis of Huntlie, my Lord Archbiſhop ſhew, that he had yeildit almoſt in all the headis of religioune; and had, befoir the Kings Majeſtie, certaine of the Biſhops of Ingland, and the Biſhop of Brechine, ſubſcryved the ſame, and reſted only vnreſolved in the mater of the Sacrament. Atour my Lord Archbiſhop preſented to the Synode ane letter direct from the Marqueis, and craved thair advys thairanent. The tenour of the letter followes:

My Honourable good Lord,

I have wreitin this present only to put your Lordship in memorie, according to his Majesties directioune, that it wold pleis your Lordship, at this conventioune, to gif me suspensioune of my excommunicatioune during my residens in Ingland and awayting on his Majesties service thair; quhilk I hoip your Lordship will geitt effectuate at this tyme. I thought to haue come sowth myself to haue conferrit with your Lordship, bot I find my self sompart diseasit since my last comming from the Hielandis, quhilk is the occasioune that I may nocht travill for the present. Swa, my loving dewtie remembritt, I will your Lordship most loving at all power.

Sic subscribitur Huntlye.

At Huntlie this 2 of October.

The Synode advyſes my Lord Archbiſhop to direct ane letter to his Majeſtie, bearing that vpon the Marqueis his ſubſcriptioune alredy giffen, firſt, in this countrey, and next in [his] Hienes preſens, the conſequentis and effectis of his excommunicatioune be diſpenſit with, and the ſaid Marqueis be licenciate to repair to his Majeſtie and lieges, as alſo be preſent at the publict prayeris of the Kirk, vntill the next Synode to be holdin in this place, God willing; but with expres proviſioune, that no benefite be granted to him be the Kirk of Ingland, ſpeciallie that he be nocht ad-

mitted to the Sacrament of the Lordis Supper, vntill he be formallie abſolved from excommunicatioun be the Kirk of Scotland.

Erroll.—Anent the Earle of Erroll, who lyes as yet excommunicate, it is concludit, that for winning him, if it be poſſible, he ſalbe requyred to heir conferens of ſuch brethren as ſalbe appoynted thairto, repair to the heiring of the Word and publict prayeris of the Kirk, and vpon the performans of the ſaidis conditiounes, his excommunicatioun to be diſpenſed with in the effectis and conſequentis: vtherwayes, vpon his refuiſall of the premiſſes, it is concludit, that his Majeſtie be dealt with to remove him aff the countrey, and executing vpon him, as is preſcryved in the actis of Parliament; as alſo, that ſtraitt inhibitioune be renewit to all perſons that thei reſort nocht vnto him. And to this effect, Mrs. Patrik Lindeſay and Robert Howie ar ordained to attend him on Thurſday next, and to deall with him as ſaid is; and incais thei premove nothing, my Lord Archbiſhop is to adverteis the Exerciſes with diligens, that the excommunicatione may be intimat of new.

Craighall.—Item, thei ar ordained to conveine befoir thame the Laird of Craighall, and charge [him] vnder paine of cenſures of the Kirk, to caus his children repair to the kirk and reſaue the ſacrament.

Gicht.—My Lord Archbiſhop reportit, that the Laird of Gicht hes enterit in dealing with the Kirk, for his reſolutioun is confyned be the Lordis of High Commiſſioune to remaine within St. Andros, and conferre with certaine brethren nominate for that effect vntill Candlemes next; and incais of his nocht reſolutioune at the ſaid day, found cautioune vnder the paine of ten thowſand merkis to pas aff the countrey. Quhairvpon thei had, in thair ſaid commiſſioune, ſuſpendit his excommunicatioun to the ſaid day.

A. Anſtruther.—The Exerceis of Kirkaldie haue giffen no dittay againſt Agnes Anſtruther, ſuſpect of witchcraft. They ar ordainit to collect what thei may haue, and ſend the ſame, with thair moderatour and ane of thair brethren, within 15 dayes, to my Lord Archbiſhop.

Kilmanie.—Anent the mans of Kilmanie, Thair being ſome of the parochinaris who offer to contribute for building the ſame, the miniſter is advyſed to tak what he may haue be that meane; and in the meantyme is ordainit to be inſtant in the work himſelf.

Gray.—Mr. Andro Mortowne, be his letter, ſhew that my Lord Gray will demoliſh ſuch of the paintrie as is offenſiue; and that his ſervantis ar to communicate within fyftein dayes.

Seſſ. 3a.

Act Regiſters.—Thair being no regiſters maid be the particular Exerciſes of the eſtate and deſignationes of the manſes and gleibis within thair boundis, with thair marches and mithes, as wes concludit in the former Aſſemblie, It is ordained, as befoir, that ilk Exerceis provyde ane, and preſent the ſame to the next Synode, bearing ſuch as thei may haue; as alſo, that thei try out ſuch as haue ſett mans or gleib.

Mr. James Row.—Anent the cenſure of Mr. James Row, miniſter at Kilſpindie, referrit from the viſitatione of the ſaid kirk, the Synode rebuikes him grauelie, and admoniſhed him nocht to frequent the burgh of Perth.

Mr. William Wiſhart, Fettercairne.—Anent the ſupplicatione giffen in be Mr. William Wiſhart, miniſter at Fettercairne, craving in effect, that ſeing he hes ſervit heirtofoir in the miniſtrie with ſuch ſmall proviſioune as nocht being able to intertaine him and his familie; whairthrocht he hes bein conſtrained to dilapidate his awin patrimonie; as alſo, that throcht inlaik of ane mans, whairvpon he may be reſident at the ſaid kirk, he is oftymes compellit to travell to the preiudice of his health: Thairfoir libertie may be giffen to him of tranſportatione to any vther place wherto it ſall pleis God and this Kirk to call him. The Synode, knowing the veritie of the premiſſes, grantis vnto him libertie as ſaid is; and, in the meantyme, ordaines that the Moderatour of the Merns ſall viſite the ſaid kirk, deſigne the mans and gleib thairof, and caus build the mans *primo quoque tempore.*

Regraitt Juſtices of Peace.—Anent the greiff proponit by divers Exerciſes, that thair particular congregationes ar orderit be ane charge from the Juſtices of peace, and commandit to pay certane ſowmes foorth of the readieſt of the ſilver collected to thair awin poor, to ſuch vſe as the ſaidis Juſtices haue appoynted the ſame to; quherby the poor anis wilbe grytim-

lie prejudged, and the charitie of men abſtracted; The Synode concludit, that Mrs. Jhone Mitchelſone, Alexander Glaidſtanis, and Robert Buchannan ſall go to my Lord Chancellour, and in thair name craue that no horning haue place againſt the miniſtrie in the actioune, till firſt thei be heard befor the Counſell. Item, that ane letter be directed to the Laird of Bogie that no horning be vſed till the Iuſtices of peace convein. At the quhilk tyme, commiſſioun is giffen to Mrs. Jhone Dykis, Jhone Gillaſpie, William Scott, William Cranſtowne, and Robert Roch, with expres mandate to attend that meiting of the ſaidis iuſtices in Coupar, vpon the firſt Tyſday of November, propone ſuch reaſones as God ſall furniſh to thame, and deall that no ſuch exactioune be impoſed.

Bridge, Monyfuith.—The Synode, conſidering how profitable the Bridge of Monyfuith is, and neceſſar to the countrey, hes concludit, that the brethren of this Synode ſall recommend the eſtate and help thairof to thair parochins when it ſalbe requyred.

Act plantatione.—Item, it is concludit, that when any kirk within this Synode ſall happin to vaik, ane cair ſalbe had of ſuch as being alreadie enterit in the miniſtrie ar evill provydit, that thei be preferrit to expectantis, and recommendit to be preſented to his Majeſtie.

The Visitatione of the Kirkes of Inneraritie and Mathie, 8 April, 1614.

Tryell, Miniſter.—Mr. David Williamſon, miniſter, is found to have bein admitted to the miniſtrie be Mrs. Jhone Ramſay and Jhone Rigg; reſident in the new mans of Inneraritie; teachis ordinarlie in winter at Inneraritie, and in ſommer *alternatis vicibus;* his text, the Epiſtle to Philemon; keepis the Seſſioun in the efternoone: Being removed, it was regraitted, that he teachis not in the kirk of Mathie.

Thair ar nane ſuſpect of witchcraft or adulterie. Na noncommunicantis or excommunicatis.

Proviſioune.—The proviſioune of the kirkes. Inneraritie, Mr. David is perſone and vicare thairof. The Laird of Powrie Fotheringhame, tackiſ-

man, paying in dewtie thrie hundreth merkis money. Mathie, ane kirk of the abbacie of Coupar, whairto is aſſigned 200 merkis and ane chalder of meill, whilk is nocht haillie poſſeſſed.

It is ordained, that the roll of the poor of both parochins be takin vp, and the poor provydit for.

At the Kirk of Erroll, 10 *April*, 1614.—Mr. Jhone Strange, ane of the regentis of St. Leonards college, admitted to the holy miniſtrie within the ſaid kirk.

Scole.—Item, for intertainement of ane ſcole for educatione of the youth of the parochine in tyme comming, it is concludit, be commoune conſent of the gentlemen, heritouris, eldaris, deacons, and parochinaris preſent, That evrie [perſon] occupying ane pund land ſall pay yeirlie to the ſcolemaiſter 13 ß. 4 đ., and ilk bairne tawcht in the ſcole ſall pay quarterlie 10 ß.

At the Kirk of Fowlis, 11 *April.*—Mr. Henrie Futhie, miniſter at Kinnell, having libertie of tranſportatioune, was admitted to the miniſtrie of the Kirkis of Fowlis and Lundie.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS WHICH LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, THE 3D AND 4TH OF MAY, 1614.

Seſſio 2ª.

Huntlie.—It is reported, that the Marqueis of Huntlie is paſt aff the countrey into Ingland.

Erroll.—Item, my Lord Archbiſhop reported, that the moderator and brethren of the Exerceis of Turreff had giffen teſtimonie to the Earle of Erroll anent the heiring of the Word reverentlie, and conferens thairvpon; as alſo, of the good hoip thei had of further to be done be him: Quhairvpon further continowation had bein giffen to the ſaid Earle. The teſtimonie foirſaid wes redd and conſiderit; the Synode advyſes the Archbiſhop, efter the expyring [of] the day granted alreadie to the ſaid Earle, to grant

no further continowatione except he giff ſome gryter evidens that he will conforme him ſelf.

Memor.—Item, fforſamikle as dyvers papiſtes haue, fra tyme to tyme, vpon hoip of thair converſioune, procured delayes of the executioune of the lawes againſt thame, nevertheles ar nocht thairby amendit, bot rather moir indured, It is concludit, that ane generall letter be directed to the Kings Majeſtie, Secreitt Counſell, and Lordis of High Commiſſioune, deſyreing that no further continowatione be granted to ſuch, but that the lawes may be executt againſt thame, at leiſt thei removed of the countrey.

Agnes Anſtruther.—The Exerceis of Kirkaldie having as yet giffen no dittay againſt Agnes Anſtruther, ſuſpect of witchcraft; for the whilk thei ar rebuiked; and ordained to put it *in mundo*, and delyver the ſame to Mrs. Robert Buchannane, William Buchannane, and Henrie Philp, that thei may ſie it, and report to the conferens.

Paintrie Fowlis.—It is reported, be Mr. Henrie Futhie, that my Lord Gray, hauing preſentlie workmen, hes promiſed to aboliſh the paintrie in the kirk of Fowles. The ſaid Mr. Henrie is ordained to vrge performans thairof, and to report the ſaid 17 day of Maij.

Th. Laumonth.—Item, it is reported, that Mr. Thomas Lawmonth is planted in the miniſtrie at the kirk of Scony.

Seſſ. 3a.

Queſtio of deſertione.—Anent the queſtioune proponit to the Synode, as followes: Ane maried man being fugitive for ane alledged cryme, and having deſerted his wyff the haill ſpace of elevine yeiris, and ſeing thair is no certaintie of his death or lyff; *queritur*, if the benefite of mariage may be granted to his wyff, earniſtlie ſuitting the ſame? It is anſwerit *affirmatiuè*, efter proces deulie led as followes, viz. That the pairtie purſewed be ſummoned be thrie ſeverall ſummondis *ſucceſſiuè*, at the paroche kirk, whair he had his laſt reſidens, the mercatt croce of the head burgh of the ſhyre whairin the ſaid parochin lyes, and at the pear of Leyth, to compeir befoir the Archbiſhop, at ane certaine day and place, to heir and ſie the perſone defendar decernit to haue malitiouſlie deſerted his ſaid ſpous, if

he be alyue, or els to be depairted this lyff: And, in any of the foirſaidis caſes, the pairtie perſewar to be decernit to haue libertie to marie as ane frie perſone in the Lord. Evrie ane of the ſaidis citationes *ſucceſſiuè* to be vpon thrie ſcoir dayes *excluſiuè;* whilk being dewlie ſerved, and no compeirans of the pairtie perſewed, or any of his ſaidis freindis in his name, alledgeand ane reaſonable caus why decreitt ſowld nocht be giffen as ſaid is, decreitt is to be giffen in favour of the pairtie perſewar, granting libertie to marie in the Lord, as is aboue expremit.

Ag. Anſtruther.—Is. Jhoneſton.—The brethren appoynted to ſight the dittayes giffen againſt Agnes Anſtruther, reported, that the dittayes proue her to haue been ane abuſer of the people; and that thei find ane gryt dittay againſt Iſobell Jhoneſtowne. Seing the ſaid Agnes is preſentlie in Edinburgh, the Lordis of Secreitt Counſell ar to be dealt with for caufing apprehend her, and put her to an affiſe. And ſeing the Iſobell Jhoneſtowne is in Newburgh, my Lord Archbiſhop is to deall with my Lord Lundores for charging her to vnderly the law.

Penitentis reſolvit.—Compeirit in ſackloth Jonet Wilſone, inceſtuous, in the parochine of Markinſh; Conſtantine Browne, adulterer in the parochine of Inſhture; James Kinninmonth, inceſtuous; all having ſatiffeit the diſcipline of thair kirkes, wer abſolved.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNODE HOLDIN IN THE CHAPELL OF THE CASTELL OF ST. ANDROIS, VPON THE SEXT DAY OF MAII, 1614.

Anent Miniſters, etc.—Quhairas it is motioned, that ſome miniſteris hes nocht celebrate the communioune vpon the day appoynted be his Majeſtie, becaus it wes Eaſterday, It is ordained, that the haill Biſhopis of the province ſall try what miniſteris thei ar who haue omitted the ſame; and eyther thame ſelfis inflict cenſure vpon thame of ſuſpenſioune or deprivatioune; or then gif advertiſment to the ſaid Archbiſhop that he may puniſh thame accordinglie.

Huntly.—Item, it is concludit, that ane humble ſupplicatione be maid to his Majeſtie for taking finall ordour with the Marqueis of Huntlie, who

is now in way to Court: ffor ſeing all the reſt of the papiſtes depend vpon his example, and that his Majeſtie hath bein ane good inſtrument him ſelf of his begunne converſioun, it is thocht meit, for his Majeſties conſciens and honour, that that purpois be no longer delayed, but that he may be fullie reconciled to the Kirk, or then removed aff the countrey.

Erroll, etc.—Albeit his Majeſtie hes appoynted ſundrie dayes long bypaſt for removeing the Earle of Erroll, the Lairdis of Gicht, and Newtoune, aff the countrey incaice of nocht conformitie, and that we haue giffen our conſent to the Privie Counſell to delay mony monethis and yeiris, and to ſuffer thame [to] abyde in the countrey in the hoip of thair converſioune; ſince we find that thir prorogationes work no good, It is humblie to be meinit to his Majeſtie, that commandement may be giffen both to the Chancellour and Archbiſhop of St. Androis, that thei gif no longer delay. But, incaice thei conforme nocht thame ſelfis befoir the laſt day of Junie, whilk is thair laſt dyet, that thei eyther may be removed aff the countrey, or put in clois waird.

It is alſo advyſed, be the haill prelatis and brethren, that ſuch of thame as haue voytt ether in Councell or High Commiſſioune ſall nocht conſent to any further continowatioune of the ſaidis perſones, vtherwayes to be eſteemed ſlack and cairles in the ſervice of God and of the Kings Majeſtie. Reſerving alwayes to the Kings Majeſtie him ſelf his royall power to command in theis maters, as to his incomparable wiſdome ſalbe thocht fitteſt.

Item, that in reſpect of the Earle of Sutherland his long diſobediens and obſtinacie, the Kings Majeſtie will grant to him no further delay. But, incaice he enter not into St. Androis, and hear the Word preachet, and conferens, that he may be put aff the countey, or put into clois waird.

Rentallis.—Item, it is ordained, that the haill Biſhops ſall gif vp the Rentallis of thair awin benefices, and of thair chaptoures, betwix this and Martimes next; and ſall try, who haue ſett tackis, or dilapidate the ſame.

Commiſſaris.—Item, becaus ſome of the Commiſſaries, who are eccleſiaſtick iudges, ar ſcandalous in thair lyffes, and ſome haue lyen yeir and day at the horne, It is ordained, that ſa many commiſſaries, as haue nocht

obtained ane teſtimoniall of the Lordis of the Seſſioune of thair qualificatione and habilitie, ſall, according to the Act of Parliament, be cited befor thair Ordinar, with ſome learned and wyſe men, thair aſſeſſouris, to the effect that, efter dew tryell, thei may be removed, and lawfull perſons put in thair rowme.

Chanons.—Item, fforſamikle as it is ane intollerable corruptioun that laik perſons, having no calling or functioun in the Kirk, ſowld brook the places of chanons, and eccleſiaſtick dignities in Biſhops chaptoures, It is thoght meitt, that all ſuch perſons ſalbe cited befoir the Lordis of the High Commiſſioune, and ordour takin with thame, according to iuſtice and reaſone.

Act, Drunkardis.—Item, for reſtraining the filthie act of drunkennes, it is to be humblie beggit of his Majeſtie, that ordour may be giffen to the Privie Counſell to direct letteres for publicatione of the act and conſtitutioune vnderwritten, viz. That any man being convict of drunkennes ſallbe, for the firſt tyme, admoniſhed be the eccleſiaſtick iudge, that is to ſay, be the Archbiſhop, Biſhop, High Commiſſioune, or Seſſioune of the Kirk, and pay ane penaltie of 6 ſ. 8 d.; ffor the ſecond tyme, he ſall make publict repentans, and pay 40 ſ.; and for the thrid tyme, ſalbe puniſhed with eccleſiaſtick cenſure, and fyned in all things as fornicatoris ar ordained to be puniſhed be the Act of Parliament; the ane half thairof to be furthecommand to the Kings theſaurarie, the vther half dedicate *ad pios vſis* be the diſcretioune of the ſaid eccleſiaſtick iudges, who ſall happin to try and convict the perſons foirſaidis.

Brethren confyned.—That humble ſupplicatione be maid to the Kings Majeſtie for directing the Secreitt Counſell to gif ane licence to Mrs. William Row, Jhone Carmichael, William Scot, William Watſone, and Jhone Scrymgeour, to repair to thair ordinar eccleſiaſtick iudgementis, and releiuing thame from thair confyning.

Commiſſioneris to the Provinciall.—Item, It is ſtatute and ordained, that whatſoever perſone provydit to the chaptour kirkes within the diocies of this province, being requyred be the Biſhop of the diocie to keep the provinciall meetings from yeir to yeir, refuiſes to doe the ſame, ſall pay the ſowme of fourtie libs. penaltie for thair diſobediens; whilk ſowme the Biſhop of the diocie is ordained to vplift preceiſlie from the delinquentis.

And if ſall happin that the perſones whome the biſhop ſall requyre (as moſt meitt) to be preſent at the aſſemblies foirſaidis, to be ſo meinlie provydit that thei ar nocht able to repair, as ſaid is, without thair gryt hurt and preiudice, in that caice, the remanent of the diocie ſall contribute for defraying of his charges. And this act to haue executioune vpon ſuch within the diocie of Murray, as being requyred to come, haue refuiſed.

3 *Julij*, 1614.—[Mr. James Carmichael younger admitted miniſter at the kirk of Elſtanefuird.]

28 *Auguſt*, 1614.—[Mr. David Meldrume planted in the miniſtrie at the kirk of Egliſgreig.]

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS, WHICH LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN WITHIN THE GRYT SCOLES OF ST. SALVATOURIS COLLEGE, WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, VPON THE 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER 1614.

Seſſ. 3a.

Effie Nevay.—For ſervice of the kirkes of Effie and Nevay, it is concludit, that in tyme comming the parochinaris ſall conveine two Sabothes at Effie, and the thrid at the kirk of Nevay.

A. Anſtruther.—They who haue intereſte ar to confer with my Lord Archbiſhop anent Agnes Anſtruther, and [Iſobell] Jhoneſtoune, dilated for witchcraft.

Erroll.—Roſſie.—It is reported, that the Sabboth day is profained in Erroll be holding of ane mercatt thairvpon: The miniſter is ordained to diſcharge all mercatt, vnder the paine of the cenſures of the Kirk and of excommunicatione, and thairafter to proceid againſt ſuch as ſalbe found to tranſgres. This in lykmaner to be intimate into the kirkes next adjacent, with the lyk certificatioune. Atour, that the miniſter of Roſſie tak ordour with the walkeris in his parochine, that thei procure nocht the Saboth to be violate, vnder the lyk cenſure to be inflicted vpon thame.

Bruntiland.—Item, it is thocht offenſiue that in the kirk of Bruntiland,

being ane eminent place, thair is no doctrine on the Saboth in the efternoon; quhairanent the brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ar to tak ordour, and for that effect call Mr. William Watſone befoir thame; againſt whilk, if he ſall tak exceptioune be reaſone of his confyning, the Synode declares the ſame nocht to be relevant.

The Synode holdin at St. Androis 3d and 4th Oct. 1615.[1]

Diſcipline.—The Synode earniſtlie deſyris the Archbiſhop, with advyſe of the Biſhopis and vther learned brethren, to take ordour for ſetting downe ane vniformitie of Diſcipline.

Ladyes Parbroth and Craighall.—It is reported from the Exerceis of Coupar, that the Ladyes of Parbroth and Craighall haue ſubſcryved the Confeſſioune of Fayth, and giffen thair oathes thairvpon. They ar ordained to continow in dealling with thame, that thei may repair to the kirk for heiring the Word, and that thei communicate, and to proceid againſt thame thairvpon.

Paintrie Fowles.—Lord Gray.—It is reported, that as yet the paintrie ſtandis in the kirk of Fowles, whilk wes ordainit to be aboliſhed; the Synode, yet as befoir, ordains the miniſter, with aſſiſtans of the Biſhop of Ros (if neid beis), to deleitt the ſame. And forſamikle as my Lord Gray, vpon ſome occaſiones, did not communicate when the communioun wes celébrate laſt in the parochine, the miniſter is ordained to miniſtrate the communione in the ſaid kirk betwix and Martimes nextocome, and to mak dew advertiſment to my Lord thairof.

Viſitatiounis.—It is ſtatute and ordained, that heirafter evrie Moderatour, aſſiſted be ſa many of the brethren as ſalbe thocht meitt, ſhall viſite anis in the yeir all the kirkes within the boundis of thair Exerceis.

Seſſ. 3a. 4 *Oct.*

Catecheis.—The Synode having conſideratioune of the gryt neid that

[1] Two folios, 128 and 129, are wanting in the Register, which makes a hiatus between Oct. 1614 and Oct. 1615.

both paſtors and people haue to grow in knowledge, ordaines that evrie miniſter ſall catecheis weeklie ane part of his parochine; and heirvpon ſall thei be inquyred in the weeklie meitings, as alſo concerning thair ordinar and private ſtudies for the incres of thair knowledge.

Dunfermeling.—Item, the Synode, conſidering deeplie the largenes of the congregatione of Dumfermeling, having moe then two thowſand communicantis, and weaknes and infirmitie of Mr. Androw Froſter, miniſter, vnable to bear ſo gryt ane burthen alane, thinkis it altogether neidfull that ane vther be ioyned with the ſaid Mr. Androw in the miniſtrie at the ſaid kirk. For procuring whairof, it is ordainit, that my Lord Archbiſhop and Mr. Robert Roch ſall deall with my Lord Chancellour for his Lordſhips furtherance heirto. Lykas, the brethren of the Exerceis thair ſall deall with the parochinaris for thair concurrans. Finallie, willed my Lord Archbiſhop to provyde ane qualefied man, and to plant him befoir the next Synode.

[Mr. James Bedie admitted to the miniſtery of Aberluthnott.]

[Mr. Lawrens Skynner admitted miniſter at Dunlappie on the precinct of the Exerceis of Brechine.]

[Mr. Androw Allane admitted to the kirk of Clovay.]

Purgatio canonica.—Anent ſick perſones as lye vnder the ſclander of adulterie, inceſt, or ſiclyk hynous crymes, and can nocht be broght to the confeſſioune of the ſame, it is declared be the Synode, that the brethren of the Exerceis quhair it ſall happine the offens to be, vpon vehement and weyghtie preſumptiounes dewlie conſiderit be thame, may vrge the pairtie ſcandalous to gif thair purgatioune ſolemnelie: And incais of refuſall may hold thame for grantand, and proceid againſt thame.

The Synode of that pairt of the diocie of St. Androis whilk lyeth benorth Forth, holdin in the said citie, 2d and 3d Apryle, 1616.

Seſſ. 2da.

Paintrie, Fowles.—The miniſter of Fowlles reported, that the paintrie

ſtandeth as yet vndeleitt in the ſaid kirk; as alſo, that he having requyred my Lord Gray befoir Martimes laſtbypaſt to communicate, he had failzied; quhairvpon the miniſter maid advertiſement to my Lord Archbiſhop. The Synode finds fawlt with him for that he has nocht put away the paintrie, and ordaines him, befoir the laſt day of this inſtant, to aboliſh the ſame, vnder paine of the cenſures of the Kirk, and to requyre the aſſiſtans of the Biſhop of Roſs if neid beis.

Supplie.—Anent the ſupplicatione proponed be Mr. Williame Wedderburne, miniſter at Dundie, makand mentione, that whairas the Lordis of his Hienes Privie Counſell being certanelie informed that Androw Robertſone, Jhone Cowie, Jhone Dauling, James Pratt, and thair complices, marineris, indwellaris in Leyth, being laitlie vpon the coaſt of Barbarie, efter ane cruell and bloodie conflict, overcome and led into captivitie be certane merciles Turkes, who preſented thame to open mercatt at Argiers in Barbarie, to be ſawld as ſlaves to the cruell barbarians; from the whilk miſerable eſtate James Fraſer, now reſident in the ſaid towne of Argiers, moved with pitie and compaſſioune, redeimit thame by the preſent payment of ane hundreth and fourtie libs. ſterling money for thair ranſome, to be repayed be the ſaidis captiues at ane terme now approachand, who nochtwithſtanding are reduced to ſuch extreme povertie, that thei ar nocht able to repay the ſaid ſowme: Quhairvpon thair Lordſhips haue, by thair lettres patentis, recommended the ſaidis diſtreſſed travelleris to the charitie of all our ſoveraine Lordis ſubjectis, as the ſamine, of the daitt at Edinburgh the 21 December 1615, at mair length bearis: craved thairfoir that this Synode wold hald hand to that ſo charitable ane worke, and provyde that the ſupport and benevolens granted within thair boundis may be collected in ſick forme as may beſt ſerve for the confort and releiffe of the foirnamed diſtreſſed. The Synode, conſidering the equitie of the premiſſis, and that thei haue, fra tyme to tyme, being moved with pitie, ſupported ſtrangeris who haue ſoght to thame for releiff in ſick caſe, being moir obleiſſit to thair awin bowellis; as alſo that the fruſtrateing of the ſaid James Fraſer of his money, ſo lovinglie advanced for thair redemptioune, may efterward be preiudiciall to vthers falling in the lyk eſtate, whilk God forbid; Thairfore concludit and ordained that evrie

brother, immediatelie efter thair returne from the Synode, ſall deall cairfullie and earniſtlie with thair people, aud bring in to the Moderators of the Exerciſes according as thei ſall obtaine be thair benevolens; and that the Moderatoris of the Exerciſes within Fyff ſall reſaue the contributiounes at the handis of thair brethren, and delyver the ſame to the Principall of St. Leonares college, and the remanent ſall delyver the ſame to the miniſteris of Dundie, that it may be imployed to the vſe aboue expremit.

Regiſter.—It is ſtatute and ordained, that the Moderatoures, having power of Viſitatione from my Lord Archbiſhop, ſall procure ane formall regiſter to conteine nocht onlie thair viſitationes, bot alſo the eſtate of the mans, gleib, priviledges, and moyen of the kirkes within thair boundis, that the ſamine may be extant to the poſteritie.[1]

3 Apryle, Sess. 3ª.

Margaret Hakſtoune.—Anent the ſclander in the parochine of Ebdie, rayſed be occaſioune that Margarett Hakſtoune, being directed be . . . . Kynneir, paſt to Margarett Law, and beggit health to . . . Clerk, her maiſter, vpon her knees: The Synode advyſed the Exerceis of Coupar to inioyne cenſure to the ſaid Margaret Hakſtoune as guiltie of giffing and aſcrybing to the creature that whilk is proper to the Creator. And to tak tryell of the ſaid . . . . Kynneir, whois directioune ſavoures of witchcraft. And ſiclyk, the Exerceis of St. Androis, in whois boundis the ſaid Margaret Law is, to deall with the ſaid Margaret, and to gett informatioune from the Exerceis of Coupar.

[Mr. James Raitt, miniſter of Kinneff.]

[Mr. Henrie Balfour, miniſter of Culleffie.]

[Mr. Alexander Fraſer, miniſter at Peirt.]

1 After 1614 there is no record of the visitation of kirks entered in the Register of the Synod. It is probable, therefore, that the particular Register recommended to be kept for that purpose was accordingly used; but if so, it is now lost. It would have formed a valuable record of the ecclesiastical state of the different parishes at the period.

The Synode holdin in the Sowthe Ile of the paroche kirk of St. Andrews, 1st and 2d October, 1616, be the reverend Father in God Jhone Archbishop of St. Androis.

Seſſ. 2a. a meridie.

Inchbryok, Idvie.—The Synode, vpon dyvers weghtie reaſones, diſſolvis the kirkes of Idvie and Inchbryok from the Exerciſes of Forfar and Brechine *reſpectivè*, and annexes thame to the Exerceis of Arbroth.

Kynneir.—The Synode advyſes the Exerceis of Coupar to put . . . . . Kynneir (who advyſed Margret Hackſtoune to aſk health on her knees for her maiſter from Margaret Law) to publict repentans in the ſtoles of the kirkes of Ebdie and Creich, whair the ſclander is.

Tryell of the Exerceis of St. Andros.

Jho. Ramſay.—It is found, that Margaret Ramſay, wha bear ane bairne in inceſt to her father, Jhone Ramſay of Pryorletham, is apprehendit, and that the ſaid Jhone hes reſavit all admonitiounes requiſite befoir excommunication; thairfoir, Mr. Alexander Gladſtaines is ordained to pronunce the ſentens the next Sabboth.

M. Law.—It is found, that thei haue done nothing in the tryell of Margret Law, ſuſpect of witchcraft. They ar ordained to caus ſummond her to the firſt day of thair meeting, and ſick of the Exerceis of Coupar as haue knowledg and that purpos concerns to be preſent, bringand with thame thair informatioune.

Tryell of Forfarr.

Clovay.—It is found, that the kirk of Clovay laitlie planted wantis mans and gleib, and that the ſtipend aſſigned to it is poſſeſſit be Mr. Robert Bruice, who hes ane lyfrent of it. It is thocht meet, that ane letter be directed to the ſaid Mr. Robert from the Synode for obtaining ſome help to the miniſter who ſervis the cuir, and hes no proviſioune.

M. Lindeſy.—They ar ordained to gif in the ditty againſt Magdalen Lyndeſy, witch, to the Counſall.

Tryell of the Merns.

Mr. P. Frafer.—It is found, that thei haue proceidit againſt Mr. Patrick Frafer, who hes begun his repentans, and ſo thair proces ſtayes.[1]

Mariage, Gentleman and Lundie.—Ordaines [thame] to proclame the bandis of mariage betuix Jhone Gentleman, in the parochine of Fordowne, and Elſpet Lundie, lawfull daughter to Robert Lundie in Benholm, and thairafter to ſolemnize thair mariage. And finds that the ſaid Elſpet, being raviſhed frome her fathers hous, and violentlie withholdin ane certane ſpace be Mr. Patrik Fraſer, by whome ſhe wes giffen over and delyverit into the handis of Mr. Robert Wyſhart, who lykwayes violentlie deteinit her, ſhall nocht be holdin to mak any publict ſatiſfactioune, in reſpect of her rapt foirſaid, knowen evidentlie to all: To the purſuitt whairof, the Synode thinks it nocht meet that the father be vrged, bot that he haue libertie to do thairin as he ſall think convenient.

Seſſ. 3a.

Support of Coupar.—The Synode, vnderſtanding that vpon the laſt day of Auguſt laſtbypaſt, about xj hours at night, it pleaſed the Lord to viſite the burgh of Coupar with ane fearfull burneing of ane principall quarter of the towne in the moſt eminent place of the ſamine, quhairby the policie of that ancient neceſſarie burgh is miſerablie defaced, the handling of traffecquaris and tradiſmen within among thame ſelffs, and with thair nighbouris about, is vtterlie impedit, and ane gryt number of good chriſtians and laborious perſons broght vnder diſtreſſfull heavines and want of imployment, in ſick meaſure that the ſaid towne be thame ſelffs ar nather able to ſupport thair preſent neceſſities of lodging and means of lyff, nether to repair the policie, nor to reſtoir thair deſolate nighbouris to thair wounted handling and trades agane; and being, as it is knowen, the head burgh of the ſhyre, and the ſeatt of the Exerceis, thair deſolatioune, ſo as it tuiches

[1] Mr. Patrick had been sentenced by the Synode "to satisfie publictlie in adulterous habite in the kirk of Benholme," for ravishing Elspet Lundie.

thame in particular, ſo in chriſtiane compaſſioun it concerns all thame that, fearing God, wiſhes the weill and ſtanding of ſick ſocieties: Lykas the Lordis of his Majeſties honorable Privie Counſall having conſidered the ſaid pitiefull caice, hes recommended thair releiffe to all and ſundrie his Hienes ſubjectis weill affected in ſick cauſes, be thair Honouris letteris giffen at Edinburgh the awchtein day of September in this inſtant yeir of God: Heirfore the ſaid Aſſemblie, with vniforme conſent, ordaines evrie Exerceis and particular congregatioune within thair boundis, to tak the beſt way and ordour among thame ſelffs for releiff of thair ſaid diſtreſſit brethren, with all convenient diligens, at thair returning hameward, by contributiounes and vther meanes as thei ſall find meeteſt.

Fundatioune for Studentis in Theologie.—The Synode, moved with ane zeall to glorifie God and intertaine learning, as alſo for obediens of ane Act of the laitt Generall Aſſemblie, holdin at Aberdein in the moneth of Auguſt laſtbypaſt, concludit that thei, for thame and thair ſucceſſours, ſall bind for the interteinement of fyue ſtudentis in Theologie, who ſalbe foundit and maintained vpon thair charges in the New College of St. Androis. Ordanned, for this effect, the haill kirkes within the boundis of this Synode to be ſtented, and ane fundatioune to be put in forme, to be ſubſcryued be the miniſteris preſent for thame and thair ſucceſſours. The whilk fundatioune to contain all clauſes neidfull for furtherans of ſo good ane worke, and ſpeciallie that the preſentatioune of the ſtudentis foirſaid ſall belong to the Archbiſhop and his ſucceſſours in the Synode; and that yeirlie at the Synode the moderatouris of the Exerciſes ſalbe auditoris of the compts of the ſaid College ſa farr as ſall concerne thair ſtudentis foirſaidis. And to the effect the good purpoſe intendit may haue the quicker executioune, the Synode nominated Mr. Archibald [Andro?] Clahills, Mr. William Spalding, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Andro Bennatt, Mr. Andro Mitchelſon, Mr. James Kynninmonth, Mr. Andro Rynd, Mr. Lownan, Mr. Andro Auchinlek, Mr. Henrie Smyth, Mr. Andro Leſlie, Mr. Georg Mudie, Mr Alexander Fotheringham, Mr. Robert Barclay, to the effect that out of thame four may be choſen be the Rectour of the Vniverſitie and Facultie; who promiſed thairin to do faythfullie.

[Mr. Patrik Durhame planted fellow labourer with Mr. Andro Cayhills in the miniſtrie of the kirk of Monyfuith.]

Synod holden at St. Andrews vpon the twa last dayis of Apryll in the yeir of God I^m.VI^c. and sevintine, be Doctor Hovie, principall of the New College, by Commission from my Lord of St. Androis to that effect.

It is to be remembrit, in the nixt Synod quhair the Archbiſhop ſalbe preſent, quhat ordour ſalbe moſt commodiouſlie taken anent ſuch miniſters as ſervis tua kirkes for planting of baith.

Item, the Archbiſhop is to be requeſted *primo quoque tempore* to advyſe how, at the approaching Parliament, a law and act of parliament may be obtined for vptaking of the penalties of evrie kirk, ſo that a pairt thairoff may be imployit for ſuſtentation of the Burſers in Theologie in the New Colledge of St. Androis.

Synod holden at St. Androis, 7 Oct. 1617.

[Mr. David Monipenny miniſter at Kempbak, depoſed for fornication.]

No ordinar preachers quha have not receaved ordination.—Item, be commoun conſent, it is thocht expedient that public intimation be maid, that nane ſall have acceſs to be ane ordinar preacher, or a conceiver of public prayer, in any ordinar rowm without a lawfull entrie and admiſſion to the miniſtrie by impoſition of hands.

The moderatour of evrie Exerciſe is apoynted to have a roll of evill provydit kirkes within their bounds, and ſend the ſam to the Archbiſhop within the ſpace of fyftine dayis.

Synod holden at St. Androis, 14 April, 1618.

Communion to be celebrat on Paſche day.—The brethren of the Exerciſe

of Coupar removed and allowed. Such of them as have not celebrat the holy communion this yeir on Paſche day, according to the ordour and ordinance theiranent, ar commandit expreſſlie in al tyms heirefter to celebrat the ſam in their awin paroche kirk vpon Paſche day precieſlie, vnder the pain of deprivation from ther miniſtrie.

[Mr. Robert Buchanan, miniſter at Ceres, dead.]

Anent the ryott committed in the kirkyaird of Kinghorn, on a Sonday immediatlie efter divine ſervice, it is apoynted, that the pairtie found and decerned guiltie be the Lords of his Majeſties Councell, ſall ſatiſſie the diſcipline of the Kirk.

Anent the directing of Commiſſioners to the Generall Aſſemblie, quhen it ſall pleis his Majeſtie to apoynt ane, it was thocht expedient, that ſuch men ſalbe nominat furthe of evrie Preſbyterie as ar wyſe and diſcreit, and wil give his Majeſtie ſatiſfaction anent theis articles proponed be his Highnes Commiſſioners in the laitt Generall Aſſemblie haldin at St. Androis.

Synod holden at St. Androis, 6 April, 1619.

The Depoſitions of ſuch brethren of the Exerciſe of St. Androis as have not keepit the ordour in celebrating the holy communion preſcryved be the laitt General Aſſemblie haldin at Pearth; and of the reſt of the Exerciſes:—

Erſkine.—Mr. William Erſkine hes not given the communion according to the ordinance of the General Aſſemblie, naither vpon pryd or contempt, as he deponed ſolemnlie, nor for ſingularitie or any affectation; bot becaus, in the licht of his conſcience, he cannot as yet be vtherwyſe reſolved. He is exhorted to labour for reſolutioun, and ſtudie to conformitie.

Henderſon.—Mr. Alexander Henderſon hes not given the communion according to the preſcryved ordour, not of contempt, as he deponed ſolemnlie, bot becaus he is not as yet fullie perſuadit of the lawfulnes theirof. He is exhorted to ſtryve to obedience and conformitie.

Tryel of Couper.—An. Bennat.—Mr. Androw Bennat elder hes not celebrat conforme to the prefcryved ordour, becaufe he faw the maift pairt of his people not difpofed to receive it fo. He is exhorted to obferve the ordinance of the Affemblie, and to vrge the people to obedience and conformitie; quhilk he promifed to do.

Mackgil.—Mr. Jhone Mackgill hes not obferved the prefcryved ordour, becaufe he is not as yet refolved anent the lawfulnes of that forme. He hes promifed to vfe diligence for his refolution, and was exhorted to do fo.

Bennat.—Mr. Androw Bennat younger hes not as yet celebrat, becaufe the people wer not examined. He hes promifed to kiep the prefcryved ordour and form.

Douglafs.—Mr. Thomas Douglas reported, that he gave the elements with his awin hand to al the people, bot not kneeling, becaufe he perceived the people vtherwyfe inclyned. He hes promifed to kiep the prefcryved ordour and forme in al poynts, and to vrge his people to conformitie.

Tryel of Kirkaldie.—Tullos.—Mr. Jhone Tullos hes not celebrat according to the ordinance of the Affemblie, becaufe he was ignorant of the forme to be kiepit therin; quhairof he is willing to be informed.

Nairn.—Mr. William Nairn hes not obferved the prefcryved ordour, becaufe of Mr. Thomas Hog, his fellow laborer in the miniftrie, quha will not give obedience to the ordinance of the General Affemblie. He is exhorted to conforme himfelf heirefter.

Tryel of the Mernis.—Rait.—Mr. James Rait reported, that his people could not be inducit to communicat according to the prefcryved ordour. He hes promifed to conforme himfelf and to vrge obedience.

Mr. Androw Milne, Mr. Androw Collace, Mr. Adam Walker, and Mr. Jhone Keith, have kiepit the ordour.

Tryel of Brechin.—They have all kiepit the ordour prefcryved be the General Affemblie haldin at Peirth in celebration of the communion.[1]

Thankfgiving for his Majefties recoverie.—It was apoynted that evrie brother in their particular congregations, the nixt Saboth, fal give folemne

[1] So did the Exercises of Arbroath, Dundee, and Perth. A great many of the clergy of the Diocese, however, did not conform. The most remarkable of their excuses are here given.

and publict thankſgiving for the recoverie of the Kings Majeſtie of a deadlie ſicknes, and to pray for the preſervation and continuation of his Highnes health.

Synod holdin at St. Androis 5th October, 1619.

Mr. David Dalgleiſh.—Anent the ſuit proponed be the brethren of the Exerciſe of Couper in behalf of Mr. David Dalgleiſh, that he may be licentiat to help Mr. William Scot in the burdein of the miniſtrie their, and preach as he did befoir, *per vices*; it was thoucht altogether vnlawful and contrair to ane act of the General Aſſemblie, and theirfoir refuſed.

Act anent the burſors in Theologie to be intertanit in the New Colledge of St. Androis.—The quhilk day, for increaſing the number of Burſors in Theologie, and for eaſier and better payment of their buirds, it was concludit be the Archbiſhop and Synod, That that pairt of the Diocie of St. Androis benorth Forth ſal furniſh and pay yeirlie for ſex burſors in theologie; of the quhilks the brethren of the Exerciſes in Fyff ſal pay for thrie burſors; and the brethren of the Exerciſes in Anguſe, Mernis, and Peirth, for vther thrie burſors yierlie. The brethren of the Exerciſe of St. Androis ſal pay for one yierlie; of Kirkaldie and Dunfermling for one; and of Couper for one burſor: they of Peirth and Dundie for one; they of Arbroath and Mernis for one; and they of Forfar, Brechin, and Miegill for one alſo yeirlie.

Ilk burſor ſal haue for thrie quarters buird fourſcoir punds, viz. for ilk quarter fourtie merks.

And becauſe the brethren of the Exerciſe of St. Androis, according to the ſtent particularlie condiſcendit to befoir in the Synod haldin at St. Androis, the [ſecond] day of [October] the yeir of God I^{m}VI^{c}, and [ſixteen] yeirs, and ſubſcryvit to with their hands in ane contract at the ſame tyme maid with the New Colledge, ſuld pay yeirly ſevin punds attour and mair nor fourſcoir lib. to intertaine their burſor with; theirfoir, the Moderatour of St. Androis ſal pay yeirlie the remanent ſevin punds to the Moderatour of Forfar for help of their burſor; and the Moderatour of the Mernis ſal

lykwyſe pay fyue punds to the ſamen Moderatour of Forfar. Item, the Moderatour of the Exerciſe of Kirkaldie ſal pay to the Moderatour of the Exerciſe of Couper yierlie fourtein punds to mak out fourſcoir lib. for ilk burſor. The Moderators ſal preſent the burſors to the New Colledge, and ſal vndertak to pay the Œconomus for them yeirlie in dew tyme. The Moderator of the Exerciſe of Kirkaldie, with the brethren theirof, and the Moderatour of Dunfermling, with the brethren theirof, ſal have the choſe of the burſor *per vices;* and ſuchlyk, Peirth and Dundie, and Arbroth and Mernis, and Forfar, Brechin, and Miegil; ilk Moderator as ſaid is, ſal mak choſe courſe about, bot Kirkaldie ſal have twyſe the choiſe, and Dunfermling bot once: Forfar ſal have twyſe the choice, and Brechin bot once, and Miegil bot once; becauſe Kirkaldie payis the twa part of the burſors buird, and Dunfermling only the thrid, and Forfar payis mair then baith Brechin and Miegil. The firſt choiſe ſalbe maid be the Exerciſes and their Moderators, according to the ordour that they ar befoir placed, viz. Kirkaldie firſt ſal chuiſe twyſe, and Dunfermling the thrid tyme: Item, the brethren of Peirth firſt, and they of Dundie nixt: Item, they of Arbrothe firſt, and they of Mernis nixt: Item, they of Forfar firſt twyſe, nixt they of Brechin once, and laſt they of Miegil once.

Gif the quarter buird extendeth to moir any yeir nor the ſoume of fourtie merks, the brethren having the choiſe and preſentation of the burſor at that tyme ſal pay and mak out the ſuperplus to the Œconomus; and if it be leſs, they ſal alſo have the ſuperplus to be imployit to the burſors vſe.

The burſors alreadie lawfullie placed ſal bruik their place during their four yeirs, at the leaſt ſo many yeirs as ar yet to run of their four yeirs courſe.

Incaice efter tryel of the preſented burſors, or any of them, any ſal be fund vnfit for the place, aither from incapablenes to leirn theologie, for dulnes of ingyne, not ſtudying, or evil maners, they ſal be diſplaced, and another choſen be the Moderator and his brethren having the nixt place of election.

The tryel of them ſalbe by ſuch as the Archbiſhop and his Synod ſal deput and apoynt to that effect. The Moderators ar apoynted to cauſe

the brethren in their ſeveral Exerciſes ſubſcryve the preſent Act. And becauſe their is only four burſors placed at this tyme, ſo that their remains two vacant places, quhilk four wer preſented be Fyff, it is thoucht expedient that Anguſe, Peirth, and Mernis have the preſentation of theis tua, according to the new overtur propond, and now vniformlie imbraced be al.

Act for beggers.—The Act of his Majeſties Secret Councel anent the reſtraining and puniſhing of ſtrong and idle beggers, was recommendit be the Archbiſhop to the Synod, and evrie brother ordainit to mak publication theirof furth of pulpit, and coppies given to evrie ane of them in print to be affixed on their kirk doors; and that evrie brother in his awin congregation hold hand to the diligent execution theirof.

The Archbiſhop did verie earneſtlie and graivlie intreat the brethren preſent to ſtudie to conformitie in theis things quhilk wer recommendit be his Majeſtie and concludit be the General Aſſembly haldin at Peirth, and that they wald ſet themſelfs cairefullie to mak the Kirk flouriſh in peace and quyetnes.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 25TH APRYL, 1620.

Commiſſion for brethren not conforme.—The quhilk day, foralſmekill as Mr. William Wiſchart, miniſter at Fettercairne, Mr. David Mitchel, miniſter at Garvok, Mr. Jhone Forret, miniſter at Newburne, Mr. David Anderſone, miniſter at Ballingrie, Mr. Jhone Chalmer, miniſter at Auchterdiray, Mr. Robert Roch, miniſter at Innerkeithing, Mr. William Nairne, miniſter at Dyſart, Mr. Robert Murray, miniſter at Methven, and Mr. Jhone Gillaſpie, miniſter at Kirkaldie, have not given obedience to the Acts of the General Aſſemblie at Peirth, nor as yet declair themſelfs fullie purpoſed and reſolved to become conforme theirvnto; it was ordainit and agreit vpon be vniforme conſent of the Synod, that ſuch of them as do not conforme betwixt the daitt preſent and the feiſt and terme of Whitſonday nixt to run, and be reſolved to give obedience to the Acts of the General Aſſembly, ſalbe ſummarlie depryved of their miniſtrie.

And for that effect nominate my Lord of Brechin, the Rector of the Vniverſitie, Dr. Robert Hovie, Dr. Henrie Philp, Mr. Jhone Guthrie, Dr. Jhone Strang, Mr. Ninian Drummond, Dr. James Eliot, Mr. Archbald Moncrief, Mr. Henrie Futhie, and Mr. James Guthrie, to convine with the Archbiſhop in St. Androis, at quhat tyme his Lordſhip ſal think miet to apoynt, with power to them to convine and aſſemble befoir them the foirnamed brethren and receive their laſt and reſolute anſuer towitching their conformitie and obedience; and incaice of contumacie and refuſal, to depoſe them from their miniſtrie; for doin quhairof they gave them plain power, warrand, and commiſſion in al reſpects, as they micht do themſelfs.

Commiſſion for the Kirks of Kilſpindie and Raitt.—The ſam day, anent the ſupplication and complaint maid to the ſaid rycht Reverend Father in God and Synod preſentlie convined, be the parochiners of Kilſpindie and Raitt, of the gryt louſnes of their people, and manifold enormities that daylie ar committed, becauſe no diſcipline hes bien vſed nor exerciſed their theis thrie yeirs bygane, for puniſhment of vyce and reformation of maners; and the maiſt pairt of the Elders and Deacons refuſe to give their concurrence and aſſiſtance to that effect; quhairthroughe God hes bien grytlie diſhonorit, and ane door maid open to all licentious perſons to ſin with gryter libertie: For redreſs heirof the Synod thinks miet that the ſettling of the eſtait of that kirk, and the eſtabliſhing of guid ordour their in al poynts as effeirs, ſalbe continewed to ane mieting to be had, God willing, in St. Androis be the Archbiſhop, and nominat for that effect the foirnamed brethren to convine with his Lordſhip, at quhat tyme his Lordſhip ſal apoynt, with full power to them to tak ſuch convenient ordour theiranent, as they ſal think moſt expedient for the glorie of God and wiel of the Kirk, in al reſpects as they micht do themſelfs. As alſo to convine befoir them Mr. George Simmer, miniſter their, and to impoſe ſuch cenſure vpon him as they ſall think miet for compacting of ane mariage betwixt the Maiſter of Oliphant and the Guidwyf of Meginſhe, and receiving of guid died from baith the pairties theirfoir, according to ane dilation given againſt him be Mr. Peter Hay in the laitt viſitation of the kirk of Kilſpindie. For doing quhairof they give them plain power, warrand, and commiſſion.

[Mr. Thomas Hog, minifter at Dyfart, depofed for non-conformity to the Articles of Perth.]

Synod holdin at St. Androis, 2d Oct. 1620.[1]

Catechifme to be formed.—For the better and mair eafie inftructing of the rude and younger fort in evrie congregation, it was thoucht miet and concludit be viniform confent, that Dr. Robert Hovie, Dr. Peter Bruce, and Mr. Alexander Henderfon fall tak pains to perufe the Catechifme formed by Mrs. Jhone Hall, Patrik Galloway, Jhone Adamfone, and fal according theirto fet doun ane Catechife in fo intellagible and edificative tearms as poffiblie they can; and for that effect to miet the morrow and condifcend vpon their dyets, quhen they fal convine, and put the fam to a poynt, and proceid theirin with diligence.

The Synod holdin at St. Androis, 10 Apryl, 1621.

Payment for Manffes.—Foralfmekill as many intrants to the miniftrie ar heavilie burdenit with refounding of the expenffes maid be their predeceffors vpon the building and repairing of Manffes; for the gryter freedom and deliverie of the Kirk from the faid burden in al tym hierefter, it was thoucht expedient and agreit vpon be vniforme confent, that if any brother fal tranfport to any vther place for his gryter advantage and commoditie, the tranfportation being vpon his awin earneft defyr and fuit, and not being vrged theirvnto be the authoritie of the Kirk, in that caice he fal have no benefite nor foumes repayed to him for the manfs from the quhilk he tranfports.

Sir Jhone and George Ogilvyes.—Becaufe Sir Jhone and George Ogilvies, quha ar fufpect of papiftrie, and give gryt offence be their fcandalous behaviour that way, (notwithftanding they have already fubfcryved the

[1] A folio of the transactions of this meeting is cut down the middle, leaving the remaining half unintelligible.

Confeſſion of Fayth, and ſolemnlie ſworn the ſam,) ar for the maiſt pairt converſant in the bounds of that Exerciſe [Miegil], the brethren their ar ordainit to proceid againſt them for their apoſtaſie, and mak them ſwear and ſubſcryve *de novo,* etc.

Ane publict Faſt.—The day foirſaid the Archbiſhop did mak advertiſment of ane publict and ſolemne Faſt, quhilk is to be kiepit, God willing, throughout the hail realme, vpon the laſt Sonday of June, and the firſt Sonday of Julie nixt to cum; and that for the many and weichtie reaſons quhilk do provok theirvnto; viz. The gryt increas of al ſorts of ſine in the land; the preſent diſtreſſed eſtait of the reformed Kirks in forrain kingdomes, as in France, in Boheme, in Poll, etc.; for the delyverance and preſervation of Chriſtianitie from the tyrranie of Turks and Papiſts; and for the preſervation of the King his moſt excellent majeſtie from the daylie plots and conſpiracies of his enemies. And deſyred evrie brother to prepair himſelf dewlie to that effect, that al may be in readines againſt the tym prefixed.

Supp. of Bell.—Anent the ſupplication of James Bell in the Kirktoun of Liff, quha purpoſes to tak to wyff Helen Blair, quha ſumtym was ſpouſe to vmquhile Lawrence Robertſone, quha ſumtym was his father-in-law, The Synod, efter dew conſideration, ordainit him to deſiſt, and not to proceid any furder, as being altogether vnlawful.

Synod holden at St. Androis, 30 Apryl, 1622.

Jhon Ramſay excommunicat.—Dr. Alexander Glaidſtains, Moderator of the Exerciſe of St. Androis, declaired, that Jhone Ramſay of Pryorlethem, quha hes bien theis ſex or ſevin yeirs bygane lying vnder the heavie ſentence of excommunication for the haynous crym of inceſt committed be him with his awin douchter, remains peaceablie within the bounds of the paroche of St. Androis, and no ordour is taken therewith; it is ordainit that the Seſſion of the Kirk of St. Androis ſal execut againſt him the act of excommunication with al convenient diligence in dew forme as effeirs, etc.

Heriot and Setons mariage.—Anent the repairing of Patrik Heriot and Elizabeth Seton, in the paroche of Kennoquhy, to the Borders of Ingland, and getting the benefit of mariage their as they alleadg, Mr. James Simſon, miniſter at Kennoquhy, is ordainit to chairge the ſaid Patrik to ſeparat from the woman til he report ane ſufficient teſtimonial from the miniſter of that place to the quhilk they addreſſed themſelfs, bearing that they wer ordourlie maryed; and efter the return of the teſtimonial, to cauſe them ſatiſſie the diſciplin of the Kirk for fornication committed be them befoir the alleadgit ſolemnization of their mariage.

Arbrothe, Proceſs againſt Papiſts their.—Dr. Henrie Philp, Moderator of the Exerciſe of Arbrothe, reported, that they ar trublit with many papiſts in their bounds, and that they have taken ordour with thrie quha wer ſuſpect, viz. David Gairn of Laton, Henrie Guthrie of Coliſtoun, and Jhon Gairn in Muirhouſe, quhom they have cauſed ſwear ſolemnlie and ſubſcryve the Confeſſion of Faith according to the preſcryved ordour; and that their is another, viz. Francis Ogilvie of Newgrange, againſt quhom they have proceidit to the thrid public chairge. They ar ordainit to proceid againſt him to the ſentence of excommunication; and wer approved for their travails.

Act againſt miniſters quha ar farmourers or tryſters.[1]—Becauſe of the gryt ſcandal and offence quhilk hiertofoir hes bien taken be the evil behaviour of ſum brethren of the miniſtrie, in ſpecial be theis quha have farm roumes in labouring beſyd their ordinar glyb, and theis quha ar comoun tryſters and imployed frequently about tryſting, quhairby they ar diſtracted from doing the pairts of their awin function; It is ordainit, that they *reſpectivè* deſiſt from haunting that form of becumming tryſters, and rid them ſelfs of their land labouring attour and beſyd their ordinar glyb, vnder the pain of deprivation *primo quoque tempore.*

Cunnans ſupport.—The maiter concerning the ſupplication of . . . Cunnan, ſkipper in Brunteland, and his kippitch,[2] quha wer captived be the Turks, and remain as yet in miſerabil bondage and ſlavrie, referd to the nixt Synod.

[1] Farmers and attenders of *trysts* or fairs. [2] His crew.

Synod holdin at St. Androis, 1st October 1622.

Kirks not provydit.—It is ordained that theis Miniſters quhais kirks ar not as yet planted with local ſtipends, according to the rate of the lait Platt, ſal chairge the patrons, and vthers having richt to the teinds of their paroches, to compeir befor the Commiſſioners of the Plat vpon the 20 day of November nixt, in Edinburgh, to apoynt and deſigne ane conſtant local ſtipend to theis kirks in al tym cumming, according to the act of Parliament maid theiranent. And the Miniſter is apoynted to do this vnder the pain of ſuſpenſion from his miniſtrie.

The brethren, in their ſeveral congregations, ar apoynted to catechiſe ſum pairt of their flock evrie Saboth day efternoon, or then ſum vther day as they may moſt convenientlie.

Plantation of Ebdie and Newbrugh in the perſons of Mrs. Androw Murray and James Leſlie.—The day foirſaid, anent the ſupplication proponed by the inhabitants of the brugh of Newbrughe, That quhairas they, and the remanent perſons of the paroche of Ebdie, with the ſpecial advyce, conſent and aſſent of the patrons having power of the preſentation of ane miniſter at the ſaid kirk of Ebdie, efter the departur of vmquhill Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch, laſt miniſter at the ſaid kirk, for ſundrie grave and wechtie conſiderations moving them theirvnto, ſpecified at lenth in their foirſaid ſupplication, have, with ane comoun and vniforme conſent, thoucht miet and expedient for the ſpecial wiell, profite and commoditie, both of the ſaids inhabitants of the ſaid brugh of Newbrughe, and parochiners of the ſaid kirk of Ebdie, that the ſaids parochens heirefter ſal be devydit and ſeparat in maner following, viz. That the place of Lundors, and the inhabitants of the ſaid brugh of Newbrugh, ſalbe deſigned and apoynted to reſort ordinarlie to the kirk already buildit within the ſaid brugh; and the remanent perſons of the ſaid paroche of Ebdie to repair to the ſaid paroche kirk of Ebdie, for ordinar hearing of Gods Word preached, and participation of the Sacrament theirin. And for that effect, that twa ſufficient miniſters ſalbe provydit for ſerving the cuir at the ſaids twa kirks ſeverallie in al tym cumming, vpon ſuch reaſonable and competent conditions as effeirs;

and theirfoir did crave, that my Lord Archbiſchop and his preſent Synod ſuld give and declair their approbation and conſent to the diviſion and ſeparation of the ſaids twa kirks in maner foirſaid; and to the admiſſion of Mr. Androw Murray, to be actual miniſter at the ſaid paroche kirk of Ebdie, and Mr. James Leſlie to be actual miniſter at the ſaid kirk within the ſaid brugh of Newbrughe, conforme to both their preſentations granted to them theiranent. Quhairvpon, the Archbiſhop and the preſent Aſſemblie, having dewlie ponderit and conſiderit the expediencie and neceſſitie of the ſaid diviſion and ſeparation; as alſo, the profite and commoditie quhilk may redound theirby to the haill parochiners of both paroches *reſpectivè*, did ratifie, approve, and allowe the ſaid ſeparation in al poynts. And my Lord Archbiſchop, having receaved ſufficient teſtimonie of the ſufficiencie and qualification of the ſaids Mrs. Androw Murray and James Leſlie for the work of the holy miniſtrie, did proceid to their admiſſion to the ſerving of the cuir at the kirks above deſigned, and gave vnto them impoſition of hands, according to the ordour.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 22 APRILIS 1623.

Public Faſt indytit.—Becauſe of the gryt abundance of ſin and daylie grouth thairof; as alſo, becauſe of the gryt ſcaircetie and dearth quhilk is in the land, together with the preſent death and famine quhilk ſeaſes vpon many, quhairby God his heavie wrath is evidentlie perceaved to be kindlit againſt vs; Thairfoir it was thoucht miet and apoynted, that their be ane ſolemne public Faſt celebrat throughout the haill kingdome, to be keipit vpon the laſt Saboth day of Junie, and the firſt Saboth of Julie; and that, in the brughs, ſermon to be had twyſe a-day throughout the haill week. Everie brother ordaind to mak intimation hierof in their ſeveral congregations at their return.

Contraverſies intreated.—It is apoynted, that the brethren of ilk Exerciſe ſal have ſum contraverſie intreated, at leaſt evrie moneth once, and diſputs to be had theirvpon; and that ſuch brethren as ar aged be diſburdened theirof, and their place ſupplied be the younger brethren.

Tryel of aſpyring to the Miniſtrie.—The ſame day, it was ordained that ſuch as aſpyr to the miniſtrie ſalbe exactlie tryed befoir their admiſſion, be the Maiſters of the New Colledge of St. Androis, if they be ſtudents and foſters their, or be the brethren of the Exerciſe quhair they ar expectants, *reſpectivè;* and that nane be admitted hierefter to that holy function vntil dew and mature tryell be had, according to former acts maid hieranent.

No Miniſter Cautioner.—It is apoynted, That no brother hierefter ſal involve himſelf in cautionrie for any perſon, vnder pain of deprivation from the miniſtrie.

Nor Labourer.—Siclyk it is apoynted, that ſuch brethren of the miniſtrie as have huſbandries in labouring, beſyd and attour their ordinar glieb, ſal dimit and overgive the ſam befoir this tym twelmonth, vnder pain of deprivation from their miniſtrie; and in particular that Mrs. James Jardin, William Raitt, Robert Rollock, denude themſelfs of their huſbandries.

Synod holden at St. Androis, 8 October 1623.

It was ordained, that the glieb of St. Androis ſuld be poſſeſſed be the Archdeane, preſent miniſter their.

The cair of the puir was recommendit to the haill brethren, ordaining them, in their ſeveral congregations, to inroll their awin kyndlie puir, and procure means for their intertainment during the tym of this preſent ſkaircitie and dairth; and that they concurr with the Juſtices of peace for this effect.

Mr. Alexander Ingls, miniſter at St. Vigean, ordained to be reſident at his kirk according to the ordour.

Synod holdin at St. Androis, 6 and 7 Apryl 1624.

Sir Jhon Ogilvy excommunicate.—It is thought miet, that ane intimation be maid *de novo* of the excommunication of Sir Jhone Ogilvie of Craig,

Jhone Anderſone portioner of Achrennie, and Androw Fethie, ſone to James Fethie, ſumtym of Guind, obſtinat and malicious papiſts; and the ſaid intimation to be in al kirks throughout Fyff, Anguſe, and Mernis: And Mr. William Malcum ordaind to delyver to the Archbiſhop the Act of their excommunication, that the lawes of the cuntrey may be put in execution againſt them.

Mrs. Alexander Ingls, James Philp, to mak reſidence.—It is ordaind, that Mr. Alexander Ingls, miniſter at St. Vigean, and Mr. James Philp, miniſter at Lownan, ſal mak reſidence at their kirks vpon the ordinar manſſes, befoir the feaſt of Lambes nixt, vnder the pain of deprivation from their miniſtrie.

Act for payment to the Burſſors in Theologie.—For better payment of that contribution to the Burſſors in Theologie, it is concludit, that no man ſal be admitted to the miniſtrie in any place within the bounds of this Synod heireftir, vntil he ſubſcrvye the contract maid and granted for payment of the ſeveral ſoumes impoſed vpon evrie brother particularlie in ilk paroche.

Seſſio 3a. die Mercurij.

The quhilk day, it was ordaind, That al Readers in kirks within the bounds of this diocie, ſalbe advertiſed be the miniſters quhair they have chairge, to convine at the nixt Synode, both the Readers in brughs and they in the landward, to the end that they may receaue directions and injunctions anent their office, and be ſubject to tryell anent their lyf and converſation.

Mr. William Murray.—[Mr. William Murray, miniſter at Craill, ſuſpended from his miniſtry, " pairtlie be his ſcandalous converſing with Helen Wood, in his awin wyffs lyftym, and pairtlie be his precipitating his intendit mariage with her ſoon efter the death of his ſaid wyff, quhairby that ſuſpition hes bien michtelie increaſed."]

My Lord Archbiſchop and brethren aſſemblit declaired their mynd to be, that, howſoever this maiter ſucceid, if the ſaid Mr. William Murray ſal happen at any tym hierefter, to mary the ſaid Helen Wood, he ſal no

wayes be permitted to continow minifter at Craill, but falbe depryved theirof.[1]

Synod holden at St. Androis, 5th and 6th October 1624.

Becaufe in the vifitation of the kirk of Largo, it was fund that their is gryt offence given be the fcandalous cohabitation of Sir James Lundie with Elfpit Ruthven, his brother fon his wyff, It was thoucht miet, that Mr. William Erfkine and Mr. Jhone Gillafpie fal repair to the faid Sir James, and defyr him to remove the faid woman furth of his company befoir the feaft of Mertimes nixt, with certification to him if he refuis and difobey, that in that caice he falbe proceidit againft with the ordinar cenfures of the Kirk. And for this effect, the brethren of the Exercife of St. Androis ar ordaind to infift againft him if he faillzie theirin.

The Tryell of Minifters.

Act for Tryell of intrants to the holy miniftrie.—For tryell of fuch as heirefter falbe admitted to the function of the holy miniftrie, it is apoynted and concludit be my Lord Archbifhop, and vniforme confent of the brethren affemblit, that the ordour following falbe dewlie obferved.

In primis, It is ordained, that the perfon being ane expectant, quha is prefented to be tryed be the Exercife, fal bring teftimonials, bearing, that he is ane man of blameles lyf and converfation, that he hes paffed his cours in philofophie in fuch ane Vniverfitie, and that fince that tym he hes bien exercifed in fum honeft calling or ftudie, aither in the Vniverfitie or in fum vther privat place, quhair he hes behaved and caryed himfelf wiell; and that he is twentie fyve yeirs of age compleit; alfo, that al his teftimonials contain theirin the oath of the giver theirof.

Nixt, Efter theis teftimonials ar receaued and approved; firft, his tryels fal begin at the Greek toung, quhairin he falbe obliged to give ane pruiff

[1] On his supplication he was restored to the ministery in the Synod in October following, "quhairever it sal pleis God to open vnto him a door, excepting only in the kirk and paroche of Craill."

of his knowledge by interpretation of any chapter of the Greek New Teſtament that ſalbe offred to him, without præmeditation in Latin or Ingliſh; nixt, in the Hebrew, by interpretation of any chapter in the Old Teſtament, efter the ſpace of 24 houres granted to him at moſt to ſtudie theirto.

Thridly, That he be examined vpon the grounds of Religion, quhairinto, (if he hes not bein at the Colledge of Theologie), he ſal, at leaſt, be aſtricted to anſueir, according to the doctrine ſet down be Calvin in his Inſtitutions, and by Beza in his Queſtions and Confeſſion, except he be verſſed alſo in vther learned wrieters, and be able, be his awin induſtrie and prudence, to mak chois of the beſt and ſoundeſt anſueirs to the purpoſe.

Fourthly, That he be poſed on the contraverted heads, quhairin, firſt, he ſalbe aſtricted to ſet doun the ſtate of the queſtion betwixt vs and the adverſars, and next to anſueir their arguments; and this to do, (if he hes not bien trained vp in the New Colledge), at leaſt according to the grounds ſet doun be Kemniſius in his *Examen Concilij Tridentini*, in ſo far as he agrees with our Confeſſion of Faith, and quhair he diſſagrees, that the declaration of the difference ſalbe requyred as a pairt of his tryel; yet ſal he not be tyed to Kemniſius, bot that he may anſueir out of any vther of our learned divyns, quho have wrietten of the contraverſies, or out of his awin iudgment and invention, his anſueirs being orthodox and agreabil to our profeſſion, provyding alwayes, that he be red in al the contraverſies as they ar handled be Kemniſius.

Fyftly, That privatlie he mak ane ſermon or leſſon vpon ſuch ane text of Scriptur, as ſalbe aſſigned to him be the brethren, in Latin and Ingliſh.

Sextly, That he be hard in the public Exerciſe in the ſecond and firſt place.

Laſtly, that he ſalbe tryed be my Lord Archbiſchop, and theis of the facultie reſident within the citie and Vniverſitie of St. Androis.—Al quhilk tryels ſalbe ordourlie paſt and ſufficient teſtimonials reported theirvpon, befoir the pairtie preſented be admitted to the office of the Miniſtrie.

To advyſe anent reading in the kirk.—Becauſe of the gryt benefit and inſtruction quhilk may redound be reading of the Scriptures in public audience of the people, it was recommendit to the brethren preſent

graivelie to advyſe, againſt the nixt Synod, how the ſam may be done moſt commodiouſlie in ſuch congregations quhair their is no ordinar Readers, be the Miniſters themſelfs; and that in the interim ſuch brethren as may conveniently do it themſelfs ſal put the ſam in practiſe, and read ſum chapters befoir ſermon evrie Saboth.

It is apoynted, that ordinar Readers in al congregations ſalbe tyed to read in the public audience of the people only ſuch prayers as ar printed in the comoun Pſalme Buik, and ordaind be the Kirk of Scotland to be red publictlie.

The Mans of Kilmeanie.—Mr. William Scot, Mr. Alexander Henderſone, and Mr. Jhone Mackgill, wer apoynted to traivaill cairfullie with the parochiners of Kilmeanie, aither to build ane manſs and dwelling houſe to Mr. James Thomſon, preſent miniſter, and his ſucceſſors, or then to concurr with him for building theirof.

Manſs of Scone.—Quhairas Mr. David Wymiſe, preſent miniſter at the kirk of Scone, hes cauſed build ane manſs and dwelling houſe at the ſaid kirk vpon his awin proper chairges and expenſſes, quhilk, at the ſight and valuation of certain brethren of the Preſbyterie of Peirth, and vther honeſt men, parochiners and indwellars, quha wer apoynted and directed be the Preſbyterie to tak dew notice and knawledg of the ſam, is eſtimat to be worth the ſoum of fyve hundreth merks money, and above, as the act maid and granted thairanent at Peirth, 25 Februarij 1624 yeirs, at gryter lenth proports: Theirfoir, it was thoucht miet and apoynted be my Lord Archbiſhop and brethren aſſemblit, that the ſaid ſoum of fyve hundreth merks ſalbe refoundit to the ſaid Mr. David, his airs, executors, or aſſignayes be the nixt intrant miniſter, in recompens of his diſburſments and expenſſes.

Synod held at St. Androis, 4 October 1625.[1]

Supplication of Forfar.—The quhilk day, for ſatiſfaction of the earneſt ſupplication maid and propond in name and behalf of the brugh of Forfar,

1 No meeting of the Synod appears, from the Register, to have been held in October 1624, or in April 1625.

and the congregation theirof, deſyring that Dr. James Eliot, their preſent miniſter, ſal preache and have doctrine vpon Sonday efternoon for their better edification and comfort: My Lord Archbiſhop, and this preſent Synod, having conſidered the equitie and neceſſitie of their godly ſuit and deſyr, have apoynted, and be thir preſents apoynts, the ſaid Dr. James Eliot, ſo long as it ſal pleis God to continew him in the office of the minſtrie their, and quhen health and ſtrenth wil permit him, to preach ilk Sonday befoir noone, according to his ordinar and accuſtomed forme; and that ilk Sonday efternoon, he ſal, from the pulpit, have doctrine vpon the Catechiſme, for inſtruction of his flock in the fundaments and grounds of Religion: For the quhilk his traivails in that work, the people ar willed to ſhew themſelfs deutifull and thankful to him.

Supplication of Kinghorne.—The ſam day, anent the petition maid and proponed in name and behalf of the brugh of Kinghorne, making mention, that they have receaved gryt harme be the lait gryt invndation and ſtorme quhilk fell out vpon the . . . . day of Marche laſt bypaſt, quhairby their harborie is altogether demoliſhed, and wonderful gryt hurt brought to many of the inhabitants theirby, the breaking of their ſhips, boats, and vther knawen loſſes and damages, ſo that they ar extremely haraied, and many amongſt them redacted to ane very hard eſtait: Theirfoir, my Lord Archbiſchop and preſent Aſſembly, being moved with compaſſion towards them, have recommendit, and be thir preſents recommends, their diſtreſſed condition to the charitie and help of al borrough townes, quhilks ar within the præcinct of this diocie lyand on this ſyde of Forthe; willing and exhorting the miniſters within the ſeveral tounes and congregations, to ſtier vp their people to their ſpeedie ſupport and relief, and to collect and ingather ſuch contributions as they can have for their ſubſidie, betwixt this and the twentie fyft day of December nixt to cum.

Dyſarts ſecund Miniſter.—Anent the petition propond be the brugh of Dyſart and congregation, making mention that preſently they have bot ane miniſter for ſerving and attending of the haill cuir at the kirk their, ſo that the burden and chairge is too gryt, being ane populous congregation; and theirfoir craving that ane ſecund miniſter may be ioyned with him for his better help in the diſchairge of that miniſtrie; my Lord Arch-

bifchop and prefent Synod, applauding to their defyre, have advyfed Mr. Williame Nairne, prefent minifter their, together with the toun and congregation of Dyfert, to convine and agrie among themfelfs anent fum honeft and fufficient man quhome they think fitteft for that chairge; and quhen they have maid choifs, my Lord Archbifchop fal concurr with them, and do quhat belongs to his Lordfhip for his ordinarlie fetling in that function.

[Mr. Thomas Montgomrie, minifter at Logiemontrois.]

The Names of the Readers.—Mr. Jhone Walker, reader in Dunfermling; Mr. James Readie, reader in Innerkeithing; Mr. Thomas Pigot, reader at Forfar; Patrik Keabil, reader at Kirrimuir; Jhone Gill, reader at Langforgund; Mr. Henrie Adamfon, reader at Peirth; Mr. Arthur Grainger, reader at Arbroth; Mr. Androw Blair, reader at Erroll; Mr. David Birrill, reader at Scone; Mr. Thomas Bigger, reader at Kinghornie; Gavin Duncan, reader at Dunbernie; Mr. Archibald Allane, reader at Kilfpindie; William Lamb, reader at Kinnoull.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 18th Aprile 1626.

[Mr. William Spittil nominated 2d minifter of Dyfart.]

[Dr. Jhone Strang, minifter at Erroll, tranflated to the principality of the College of Glafgow.]

Their was given in fubfidie be the brethren prefent to ane noble man of the Grifons exyld from his native cuntrey, ane hundreth punds Scots money.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 3d and 4th April 1627.

The brethren of the Exercife of Peirth reported, that the Maifter of Oliphant (fufpect of papiftrie) hes fworn and fubfcryved the Confeffion of Faith, and wes of purpofe to have receaved the holy Communion, bot that ane certain impediment did intervine the day immediatly preceiding the celebration theirof. He hes promifed faithfully to communicat in any

vther kirk within that bounds, within the ſpace of ten dayes: They ar admoniſhed to have diligent cair that he performe as he is promiſed.

[Mr. James Roſs, miniſter at Lentrathen.]

Mr. James Bennet.—Becauſe it was regraited be the brethren of Couper, that Mr. James Bennet is ane frequent hunter with dogs, ane player at cairds, and a runner of courſſes vpon horſs, the ſaid Mr. James, being called vpon, compiered, was graivelie rebuikit, and expreſly inhibite to frequent any of the former games in tym cumming; and the brethren ordained to report in the nixt Synod, how the ſaid Mr. James dois behave himſelf in al theis particulars.

The brethren of Miegil ar ordaind to cloſe their proceſs, (ſeing they ar at the thrid publict prayer), againſt my Lord Gray, quha continewes avowedlie in papiſtrie, and to ſend the ſam to my Lord Archbiſchop, that the ſentence of excommunication may be pronunced againſt him.

The brethren wer exhorted gravlie, in thir dangerous tyms, to walk circumſpectly, and to abſtain from the exerciſes of hunting, carding, running of horſſes, and al ſuch as may give occaſion of ſcandal and offence, vnder pain of ſuſpenſion from their miniſtrie.

4 *Aprilis mane.*

Commiſſioners nominat and apoynted to attend the preſent Convention aſſembled in Edinburgh, at ſuch dyets as ar preſcryved: For the Exerciſe of the Mernis, Mrs. James Strachane and Androw Milne; for Arbroth, Dr. Henrie Philp and Mr. James Guthrie; for Brechin, Mr. James Lyon; for Forfar, Mr. Silveſter Lambie; for Miegil, Mr. William Malcom and Dr. James Blair; for Dundie, Mr. Jhone Rhuterfuird and Mr. James Jardin; for Peirth, Mr. Robert Murray, and Mr. David Williamſon; for St. Androis, Dr. Alexander Glaidſtains, and Mr. Alexander Henderſon; for Couper, Mrs. William Scot, Thomas Douglas, and William Cranſtoun; for Kirkaldie, Dr. Jhon Mitchelſon, and Mr. Androw Lawmonth; for Dunfermling, Mr. Robert Roch, and Maiſter Henrie Makgill.

Commiſſioners quha ſal aſſemble with the Biſhops at ſuch Kirk conven-

tions as ſal happen, for directing of any to be ſent to his Majeſtie in the affairs of the Kirk, in name of the reſt of the brethren: Dr. Alexander Glaidſtains, Dr. David Monro, Dr. Henrie Philp, Dr. Jhone Mitchelſon, Mr. William Scot. Theis wer nominat be the preſent Synod, and ful power given to them to vote and conſent to al ſuch things as in theis conventions ſalbe propond, tending to the benefite and guid of the Kirk.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 2 October 1627.

My Lord Archbiſchop deſyred that the purpoſe concerning Mr. Peter Hay of Nauchtoun his buik, ſuld not be mentioned in the public Synod, and declaired, that his Lordſhip wald not be preſent if the ſam war ſpoken of.[1]

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 7 October 1628.

The Biſhop of Roſs Contribution.—The contribution granted to the Biſhop of Roſs, as Commiſſioner reſident at the Court of Ingland for the affairs of the Kirk, was recommendit to the haill brethren, and al the Moderators of the ſeveral Preſbyteries wer ordaind to vſe their diligence for collecting and ingathering of the ſam; and to report to my Lord Archbiſchop quhat ſpied they cum, betuixt this and the feaſt of Mertinmes nixt to cum.

Viſitation Kirk of Colace.—The brethren of the Preſbyterie of Couper ar apoynted to viſite the kirk of Colace *primo quoque tempore*, and to inhibite Mr. Henrie Balfour, preſent miniſter, from preaching of the Word, becauſe of his weaknes, be reaſon of his gryt age, bot not to impair his

[1] This book appears to have been "An Advertisement to the Subjects of Scotland, of the fearfull Dangers threatned to Christian States, and namely to Great Britaine, by the ambition of Spayne: with a Contemplation of the trnest meanes to oppose it. Also, diverse other Treatises, touching the present estate of the Kingdome of Scotland; verie necessarie to bie knowne and considered in this tyme: called The First Blast of the Trumpet. Written by Peter Hay of Navghton in North Britaine. In Aberdene printed by Edward Raban, 1627."

prefent ftipend; and to travail with the parochiners for fum competent provifion for the intertainment of Mr. Jhone Moncrief, his prefent helper in that miniftrie, with certification if they doe it not, the faid Mr. Jhone falbe removed from them.

[Mr. Jofua Durie, fucceeded Mr. Arthur Futhie, minifter at Innerkiellour.]

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 14 Aprilis 1629.

Subfidie to theis quhom the Mofs did overflow.—Quhairas their is a general fubfidie granted be the Lords of his Majefties Councell, to be gathered throughout this hail Realme, for the relief of certain gentlemen, heritours, and vthers their tennents, quhais lands wer, in the moneth of December laft, fuddainlie overflowed be ane mofs, quhairby they ar denudit, not only of their heritages their, bot alfo of al their goods and fubftance: The hail brethren wer apoynted to traivail ferioufllie with their feveral congregations, for fuch fpeedie help and fupport as it fal pleis God to move their hearts to contribute to that effect; and quhat they ingather and collect from their people, to bring it in to the Moderators of the Prefbyteries, quha may delyver the fam to theis gentlemen quha have crydit and commiffion from the Lords of his Majefties Councell to be collectors theirof.

The Maifter of Oliphant communicat.—The brethren of the Prefbyterie of Peirth reported, that the Maifter of Oliphant hes communicat according to the ordinance and direction of the former Synod.

Act anent the Salt pans of Kirkaldie.—Anent the fuit propond be James Aitoun and Henrie Millar, commiffioners for the toun of Kirkaldie, defyring, that becaufe hitherto gryt incommoditie hes redoundit to them through the interrupting of the ganging of the falt pans vpon the Saboth day, theirfoir libertie may be granted to them to gang throughout the hail Saboth, with this exprefs provifion, that one fervant allenerly fal attend them in the tym of divyne fervice, and that fervant quha attends in the foirnoon fal repair to the kirk efternoon. The Moderator and brethren prefent, being informed of the gryt profanation quhilk hes enfhewed vpon the ganging of the falt pans vpon the Saboth day in tyme bygane, and

quhat ſcandal and offence hes bien taken theirby, hes refuiſed to grant any ſuch tolleration. And becauſe the commiſſioners above named did earneſtlie vrge the ſame, and alledged ſundrie reaſons for the neceſſitie theirof, the Moderator and brethren thoucht miet to continew the abſolute reſolution of the maiter til the nixt Synod; and in the mean tyme did ordain the ſalt pans not [to] gang at al vpon the Saboth, in any ſort quhairby offence may be given.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 6 and 7 October 1629.

Mans and Glieb to be acquyred.—My Lord Archbiſchop and brethren aſſemblit, vnderſtanding that their ar certain kirks deſtitute of mans and glieb, becauſe of the negligence and cairleſnes of the brethren quha ſerve the cuir in ſuch places, for fear to offend their parochiners in acquiring of the ſame: of the quhilk number ar the kirks of Innerkeithing, Peirth, Scone, Kinfanes; It is expreſlie ordaind, that Mr. Robert Roch, Mr. David Wymiſe, Mr. Jhone Malcom, and Mr. James Fouller, preſentlie ſerving the cuir at the ſaid kirks, ſal traivail to have them ſelfs poſſeſſed with mans and glieb at their ſaids kirks, according to the Act of Parliament, and to report their diligence againſt the nixt Synod, vnder pain of ſuſpenſion from their miniſtrie.

Seſſio 3ª 7 die mane.

Act for preaching Expectants.—The quhilk day, it was expreſlie ordaind, that no young man, expectant of the miniſtrie, ſalbe tollerat to preach in any paroche kirk, be brugh or land, (whither he be ane ſtudent in the Divinitie Colledge of St. Androis, or ane expectant of ane Preſbyterie,) vntil he have ane warrand, libertie, and approbation to that effect from the Biſchop and brethren of the Preſbyterie in the bounds quhair he dois remain.

[Mr. James Sibbald, miniſter at Torrie, ſucceeded "Mr. Robert Thomſone, lait miniſter at the ſaid kirk, quha depairted this lyf about the penult day of September in anno 1628."]

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 6 and 7 Apryl 1630.

A regrait to his Majeſtie anent the valuation of the Tythes.—The quhilk day, the whole brethren aſſemblit, with one comoun voice, did heavelie regrait the apparant detriment and hurt quhilk is liklie to cum vpon the eſtait of the Kirk, by occaſion of the preſent cours of valuation of the gryt and ſmall tythes quhilk is in hand, both in reſpect of the gryt corruption quhilk is vſed, in the valuations, to diminiſh the rental of the gryt tythes, and alſo to ſeclude the miniſters from exacting the ſmal tythes quhair they have bien in vſe to vplift *ipſa corpora* of the ſamen: Theirfoir, they did earneſtly intreat my Lord Archbiſchop, their Ordinar, in moſt humble maner, to acquaint the Kings ſacred Majeſtie hierwith, that his Majeſtie, out of his royal favour and tender cair of the Kirk, may expreſlie preſcryve ſum guid cours for preventing theis evils, quhilks may cum vpon the Kirk and miniſtrie by the preſent valuations; and that nothing be done quhilk may preiudge the benefite and patrimonie of the Kirk, or bring any inconvenient theirvpon. And that miniſters be ordaind to poſſeſs their viccarages *in corporibus* quhair they have bien and ar in vſe to exact the ſam; for if tymous remedie be not taken hieranent, it wil be impoſſible for theis of the miniſtrie to attend their chairges, and ſo be that means the publict worſhip and ſervice of God wil decay.

Mr. Jhon Barron his ſerving at Kempback.—The quhilk day, it being regraited be Mr. Jhone Schivez of Kempback, that Mr. Jhone Barron, preſent miniſter at the kirk of Kempback, did not reſide at his ſaid kirk, nor frequent the ſervice theirat as he ſuld, in reſpect of his many avocations, becauſe of his abode in the Old Colledge of St. Androis, quhair he continews and remains for the moſt pairt, being ſecond maiſter their; Theirfoir the ſaid Mr. Jhone Barron was expreſlie ordaind by my Lord Archbiſchop, with vniforme conſent of the brethren aſſemblit, to attend cairfully at the ſaid kirk of Kempback, the chairge of the miniſtrie theirof, and to frequent his awin paroche in ſuch ſort as it becums the miniſter of the ſamen, with ſuch convenient diligence as he can.

[Mr. Jhone Wood younger, miniſter at the kirk of Rynd, ſuſpended

from the miniſtrie, for fornication "with ane certain woman in the toun of Peirth, as he himſelf hes moſt humblie confeſſed and bewailed in the face of this preſent aſſemblie."]

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 5 October 1630.

Salt pans of Kirkaldie and Dyſart.—The quhilk day, anent the ganging of the ſalt pans of Kirkaldie and Dyſart; forſamiekil as it hes bien earneſtly regraited that the Saboth day is profained be the working of ſuch as attend the ſamen, in ſpecial in tyme of divyne ſervice, It is apoynted be my Lord Archbiſchop and brethren aſſembled, that the miniſters of Kirkaldie and Dyſart ſal cairfullie advert to the behaviour of theis perſons quha ar imployed about the attendance of the ſaid pans, and if they deprehend any of them to be ſcandalous or offenſive in their miſbehaviour, to puniſhe them, as be the diſcipline of their kirk, they doe vther ordinar tranſgreſſors of the Saboth, leaſt they ſuld pretend any immunitie in that behalf to doe any kynd of exerciſe that day, quhairby they may be fund to violat the Saboth.

It is ordaind, that al the brethren mak publict intimation, in their ſeveral parochins, that al houſholders of al qualitie preſent themſelfs, with their families, to the Examination befoir the communion, vtherwyſe to be ſecludit and debard from that holy Table.

It is alſo ordained, that the brethren be cairful in their catechizing, and that they labour to expone to their people once in yeir, the Lords Prayer, the Belieff, and the ten Commandements.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 19 Aprilis 1631.

Mr. Jhone Lyndſay.—It was fund that Mr. Jhone Lyndſay, miniſter at the kirk of Abirlemno, hes bien long abſent from the ſervice of the cuir at his kirk, and his flock deſtitute of the benefits of the miniſtrie. He was graivlie rebuikit in the face of the Synod, and admoniſhed to at-

tend his chairge moir cairfullie, with certification if he ſalbe fund to be four Saboth dayes abſent from his kirk in the hail yeir, without lawful and neceſſar excuſe, he ſalbe declaired depryved from his miniſtrie *ipſo facto.*

Anent miniſters going to Ingland.—It is ordaind be my Lord Archbiſchop and brethren aſſemblit, with one voice, That no miniſter ſal vpon any occaſion goe into Ingland, without libertie aſked and obtaind from my Lord Archbiſchop and the brethren of the Preſbyterie quhair they reſide, vnder the higheſt pains that may follow.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 10 Aprilis 1632.

The brethren of the Preſbyterie of St. Androis wer directed to vſe all diligence for collecting the contribution to the diſtreſſed miniſters of the Palatinat.

Bell of Dyſart.—The quhilk day, it was apoynted be my Lord Archbiſchop of St. Androis, and brethren aſſembled in Synod, that forſamiekil as the inhabitants of the toun of Dyſart hes, theis divers yeirs bygane, detaind ane bell quhilk did belong to the paroche of Markinſhe, they ſal redelyver the ſaid bell again to theis of Markinſhe, and ſal have theis moneyes refoundit to them allennerlie, quhilk they gave for the ſam.

Supplication of Dyſert.—Anent the ſupplication maid and propond in name and behalf of the brugh of Dyſart, making mention, that they ar far infirmed and weakened in their eſtait, be reaſon of the gryt chairges quhilk they have beſtowed in labouring to build and repair ane ſufficient and competent harborie, both for their awin eaſe and trade in ſhipping, and for the benefite and commoditie of al vthers quhom it may happen to be drawen thither; and ar not abil be ther awin privat meins to effectuat ſo important and neceſſar ane work, except lairge ſubſidie and help be impairted and contributed to them for that effect: Theirfoir, my Lord Archbiſhop and brethren aſſembled, being moved with ane tender regaird to their preſent diſtreſs, and to the honeſt and induſtrious cair and indeavour quhilk they have to accómpliſhe that commendable interpryſe,

have recommendit, and be theis prefents recommends their diftreffed condition to the charitable fupport of the hail brethren within the precinct, and that pairt of the diocie of St. Androis quhilk lyes benorth Forth, ordaining them to traivail earneftly with their feveral congregations, and to ftier them vp cairfullie to confidder fuch ane profitable and wechtie buffines, and to extend their fpeedie fupport and relief to that effect. And that al the brethren, to quhom their commiffioners fal happen to cum, imploy themfelfs for their furtherance with al convenient expedition.

Supplication of Lathrifhe and Kirkaldie.—Anent the fupplication maid and propond in name and behalf of Alexander Lathrifhe in Dyfart, and David Kirkaldie in Kinghorne, quha wer firft taken and led into captivitie be the merciles Turks, and detaind in miferable bondage among them for the fpace of thrie yeirs; and finfyne ar redacted to as gryt flaivrie and bondage in ane Spanifhe gaillie, quhair they have remaind for the fpace of aught yeirs in moft lamentable captivitie and flaivrie, and cannot be delyvered from their bondage, except they be redemed be the payment of ane thoufand merks of Scots money, quhilk foume they ar altogether vnabil be themfelfs to pay: My Lord Archbifchop and brethren affembled, being moved with compaffion of their comfortles and diftreffed eftait, have, for the fpeedie relief theirof, apoynted the hail brethren within the precinct of this Synod to be ftented and rated particularlie for the payment of the faid foume; and that ilk one of them, out of their feveral congregations, vplift and ingather the fam with al convenient expedition, that it may be fend to them for their tymous comfort and relief.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 2d October 1632.

The quhilk day, the Pfalmes of King David, tranflated in meeter be King James of bliffed memorie, being recommendit be King Charls, our prefent dread Soveraine, to be accepted and fung in al his Maiefties dominions, wer be my Lord Archbifchop remembred and recommendit to the Synod, and fum of them delyvered to certain brethren of the feve-

ral Preſbyteries to be pervſed be them, and they ordaind to report their iudgment theiranent againſt the nixt Synod.[1]

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 30 Aprilis 1633.

Jhone Broun in Torrieburn, ane ſaxfold adulterer, apoynted to be committed to my Lord Generall Juſtice, or Stewart of the Regalitie of St. Androis, that dew puniſhment may be inflicted vpon him.

[Mr. Thomas Ramſay, miniſter at Idvie.

Mr. Androw Eliot ſucceeded Mr. Joſua Durie, deceaſed, miniſter at the kirk of Innerkillour.]

Doctor Alexander Glaidſtains, Dr. Jhone Mitchelſone, Mr. Alexander Henderſon, Mr. Silveſter Lambie, and Mr. Robert Moray, wer apoyntit to concurr and convine with the reſt of the commiſſioners nominat furth of vther Synods, to give their ſound iudgment and opinion anent the new tranſlated buik of the Pſalmes.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 1 October 1633.

Craigie and Henderſons mariage refuſed.—It is expreſlie ordaind, that the benefite of mariage be not granted to Alexander Craigie, in the paroche of Forteviot, with Agnes Henderſone their, becauſe he committed adul-

[1] "The Psalmes of King David, translated by King James," were first printed in 1631, with the following Privilege. "Charles R.—Haueing caused this Translation of the Psalmes, (whereof our late deare Father was Author,) to be perused, and it being found to be exactly and truely done, wee doe hereby authorize the same to be Imprinted, according to the Patent graunted therevpon, and doe allow them to be song in all the Churches of our Dominiones, recommending them to all oure goode Subjects for that effect." They were not, however, favourably received by the Scottish Clergy, and do not appear to have been ever sung in our churches. Calderwood, with little respect for the Royal Author, criticised the work with some severity, and drew up "Reasons against the publick vse of this new Metaphrase of the Psalmes;" maintaining, that the old version by Sternhold and Hopkins, "should be sung in the Kirks of Scotland as they haue been sinee 1564, and no wayes suppressed for any thing sein or hard yet."—(*The Bannatyne Miscellany*, vol. i. p. 227.)

terie twyſe with her, and children procreat by her in his wyffs tyme, quhen ſchoe was living, and hes committed fornication with her alſo ſince the death of his vmquhile wyff.

The names of the defunct.—Becauſe of the gryt preiudice of many orphans and pupils, and ſundrie vther ſorts of perſons, for that the Teſtaments of the dead have not bien confirmed, and the preciſe tyme of their death is not knowen, nor extant in any regiſter, It is apoynted, (according to former Acts maid of this kynd,) that evrie miniſter in their ſeveral congregations ſal have ane regiſter of the defunct, and ſal twyſe in the yeir, viz. at the dyets of the Synode in Summer and Winter, exhibit and preſent to the Comiſar of St. Androis ane dew roll of the ſam, and at ſuch vther tyms as ane officeir authorized be the ſaid Comiſar ſal cum to any miniſter within the bounds of the diocie of St. Androis, they ſal delyver vnto him the names of the defunct within their paroche. To the quhilk ordinance and apoyntment the hail brethren did vniformlie conſent, with this proviſion alwayes, viz. that for the pains to be taken be the brethren in this behalf, the Teſtament of evrie miniſter and his wyff ſalbe frie of al chairges and expenſſes for the confirmation of the ſamen; as alſo, that al ſuch perſons as ar declaired be the miniſters teſtimonial to be puir, and *non potentes* for confirmation, ſalbe exemed from al proces and action.

Synod haldin at St. Androis, 27 April 1636.

For abandoning the gryt number of ſtrong and vagabound beggers quhilk abounds in the land, it is apoynted that the brethren in their ſeveral congregations, ſal tak ane preſent and ſolide cours for providing of their awin puir within their awin paroches. And dew proviſion being once maid for them, in ſuche ane competent maner and meaſure as conveniently they may, then with al diligence to abandone al ſtrangers, and not give any maintenance to them. And for the better proſecuting of this cours, it is thought expedient that ſum of the brethren in their ſeveral preſbytries be directed in commiſſion to goe to the Juſtices of peace in evrie ſhyre in their firſt Benche Court, and earneſtly deſyr their concurrance and furtherance for effectuating of this ſo good and profitable ane work.

Ane contribution granted to Jhone Broun in Preſtonpans, and his kippitche, being fourtine in number, quha ar taken captive be the Turks, and detaind in miſerable ſlaivrie, was recommendit to the brethren, and earneſtly deſyred, that in their ſeveral congregations they wald exhort and ſtiere vp the people, that their charitable help may in al convenient tyme be imployed for their delyverance and relief.

At Cuper in Fife, April 2, 1639.

The which day, the miniſters and elders of the ſeverall Preſbyteries of Fife, being conveened at the ſaid burgh to hold the Provinciall Aſſemblie, Mr. William Scott, miniſter of the ſaid burgh, made the exhortation, according to the cuſtom obſerved at the beginning of ſuch Aſſemblies.

After prayer and ſermon, the Moderators of the Preſbyteries wer required to give vp the names of the paſtors and elders, ilk ane within there owne bounds, which they did as followes:

The names of the Miniſters and Elders.

The Presbyterie of Cuper.

[Cupar.]	Mr. William Scott.	Sir Ja. Sibbald of Over Rankillour knight baronet, elder for the Landward.
[Cupar, 2d Ch.]	Mr. David Dalgleiſhe.	George Jameſon, elder for the toun of Cuper.
[Darſie.]	Mr. Patrick Scowgall.	Hary Weemys of Futhie.
[Ceres.]	Mr. Walter Buchanan.	Sir John Hope of Craighall knight.
[Cults.]	Mr. James Martin.	Androw Dainziel.
[Kettle.]	Mr. John Ramſay.	David Pitcairne of that Ilk.
[Falkland.]	Mr. William Barclay.	Sir Andrew Morray of Balvaird knight.

[Strathmiglo.]	Mr. John Morray.	Mr. David Ramſay.
[Auchtermuchty.]	Mr. James Bennett.	Richard Maxwell.
[Colleſſie.]	Mr. John Moncreiff.	James Melvin of Halhill.
[Monimaill.]	Mr. Andrew Bennett eld. Mr. William Bennett.	John Lord Melvin. James Makgill of Rankillour Nether.
[Ebdie.]	Mr. Alexander Balfour.	Patrick Peacock.
[Newburgh.]	Mr. David Orme.	Sir David Barclay of Cullerny knight.
[Dumbog.] [Dunbog.]	Mr. Thomas Baxter. Mr. William Leviſtoun.	George Kinloch. Robert Leſlie.
[Creich.]	Mr. Androw Bennett yo.	George Stirk.
[Fliſk.]	Mr. John Makgill.	James Cuper.
[Balmerrino.]	Mr. Walter Greig.	David Sunter.
[Kilmanie.]	Mr. James Thomſon.	
[Logie.]	Mr. John Durie.	
[Auchtermoonſie.]	Mr. James Wedderburn.	

The Presbyterie of St. Androis.[1]

[St. Leonards College, St. Andrews.]	Mr. Andrew Bruce, Principal of St. Leonards College.	Mr. George Weemyſs.
[Kingſbarns.]	Mr. James Bruce.	
[Deninno.]	Mr. David Forret.	Mr. John Aiton of Kinnadie.
[Kilrennie.]	Mr. Colin Adam.	George Strang, portioner of Kilrenie.
[Anſtruther-Weſt]	Mr. George Dewar.	David Ferray.
[Pittenweem.]	Mr. John Melvin.	James Airth, burges of Pittenweem.
Abercrombie.]	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	

[1] The following charges in this Presbytery were at this time either vacant or under process, St. Andrews, First and Second Charges, Anstruther-East, Crail, Carnbie, Leuchars, and Forgan.

[Kilconquhar.]	Mr. David Monro.	Tho. Spens of Lathalland.
[Newburn.]	Mr. George Hamiltoun.	George Orme.
[Largo.]	Mr. Andrew Auchinleck.	James Lundie of Straerlie.
[Kemback.]	Mr. John Barron.	David Weemyſs of Rumgay.
[Ferryportoncraig.]	Mr. Samuel Cuningham.	

The Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie.[1]

[Kirkcaldie.]	Mr. James Simſon.	The young Laird of Bogie, elder for the Landward.
[Kirkcaldie, 2d Charge.]	Mr. Robert Dowglaſs.	John William, elder for the toun of Kirkcaldie.
[Dyſart.]	Mr. William Nairne.	
[Dyſart, 2d Ch.]	Mr. Mungo Law.	George Lundie.
[Kinghorn.]	Mr. Alex. Scrimgeour.	David Brown.
[Auchtertool.]	Mr. William Bell.	
[Auchtirdirran.]	Mr. John Chambers eld. Mr. John Chambers yo.	James Colvin of Balbedie.
[Kinglaſſie.]	Mr. Thomas Melvin.	David Broun elder of Tinmouth.
[Portmoak.]	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	The Laird of Arnott.
[Ballingray.]	Mr. David Anderſon.	
[Leſlie.]	Mr. Thomas Putie. Mr. John Smyth.	The Laird of Strahenrie.
[Kennoquhie.]	Mr. Fred. Carmichael.	James Pitcairne.
[Scoonie.]	Mr. Robert Cranſtoun.	William Rige of Athernay.
[Weems.]	Mr. George Gilleſpie.	

The Presbyterie of Dunfermling.

[Dunfermling.]	Mr. Harie Makgill.	Robert Ged of Badrig.

[1] In this Presbytery the parishes of Bruntisland and Markinch were vacant.

[Dunfermling, 2d]	Mr. Samuel Row.	
[Aberdour.]	Mr. Robert Bruce.	John Kirkcaldie.
[Inverkeithing.]	Mr. Robert Roche.	Andrew Dikſon.
[Torryburn.]	Mr. James Sibbald.	Andrew Brand.
[Culroſs.]	Mr. John Duncan.	Gilbert Gourlay.
[Carnock.]	Mr. John Row.	William Gibbon.
[Muckhart.]	Mr. Alexander Fothringam.	John Alexander.
[Saline.]	Mr. William Merſhell.	John Hutton.
[Cleiſh.]	Mr. James Carmichael.	David Colvin.
[Kinroſs.]	Mr. John Cowdon.	William Keith.
[Orwell.]	Mr. Patrick Geddie.	John Gib.

The brethren abouwritin proceided to the electioun of ane Moderator for this preyſent Aſſemblie, and for that effect wer put in leit Mr. William Scott, miniſter of Cuper, Mr. David Monro, miniſter of Kinconquhar, Mr. William Nairne, miniſter of Dyſert, and Mr. John Row, miniſter of Carnock; and by the voices, miniſters and elders, Mr. William Scott wes choſen Moderator *hoc vice.*

Heades to be inquired in the triall of Preſbyteries.

If they keip faithfullie the ordinarie meitings of the Preſbyterie for doctrin and diſciplin?

If they have there monethlie diſputatiouns according to the Act of the Generall Aſſemblie?

If they wſe the viſitatioun of all there kirks betuix everie Synod?

If they have a care of planting and providing there kirkis?

If they have a care in admiſſioun of miniſters to trie them according to the Act of the Generall Aſſemblie?

If they have any papiſts within there boundis?

If they have a care anent the proviſioun of the poore?

If catechiſing vniverſallie be in there boundis in burgh and land?

If they wſe doctrin before and afternoone on the Saboths?

If there be doctrin in the weik dayes in there burghes?

If there be ordinarie viſitatioun of there families?

In the ſeverall anſweris to the articles of triall there wes found great necligence, and ſundrie things done amiſſe, which all wes promiſed, be Gods aſſiſtance, to be amended.

A refuſall to erect a new Preſbyterie.—For better ſatiſfactioun, and for keiping faithfullie the ordinarie meitings of the Preſbyterie, Mr. Patrik Geddie, miniſter of Urwell, in his owne name, and in the name of certaine of his brethren, deſired that ane Preſbyterie might be erected at Falkland, be reaſon of the farre diſtance of brether from the ſeatt of there Preſbyteries. It wes anſuered be the Aſſemblie, that Preſbyteries are erected be the Generall Aſſemblie, and that it is nawayes pertinent to a Provinciall Aſſemblie to alter the actes of the Generall.

Actes of the Generall Aſſemblie to be printed.—Anent the overture propond to the Provinciall Aſſemblie for printing the public actes of the Generall Aſſemblie, the knowledge whereof is moſt neceſſarie for Provinciallis, Preſbyteries, and Seſſiouns within this realme, the Provinciall Aſſemblie referres this as a ſpeciall inſtructioun to be givin be the Preſbyteries to there commiſſioners whom they ſall happen to ſend to the Generall Aſſemblie.

At St. Andrewes, October 1, 1639.

[Mr. John Row, miniſter at Carnock, choſen Moderator.]

Seſſio 4, *October* 29.

Fornicatoris and Adultereris repentance.—It is ordained, that all fornicators, according to the order of the Kirk, ſall ſit three dayes in the ſtool of repentance, and the adultereris half a yeir; and this to be ane ordinance for all the kirkis within this province in all time comming.

The modeſt habit of Miniſteris and their wyfes.—The which day, anent the habit of miniſteris, and miniſteris wifes, the Aſſemblie thoght gude to revive the ancient actes of the Kirk concerning the modeſtie of the appeirell of miniſteris and there wifes, and to enlarge the ſame to all profeſſouris; and the miniſteris within the province to ſie the ſame put to executioun.

The Aſſemblie ordains everie Preſbyterie to intertein a burſare, and

they to agrie among themſelfs concerning the maner, and to report there diligence to the nixt Aſſemblie.

The Aſſemblie thinkis it expedient that it be repreſented to the nixt Generall Aſſemblie, that no miniſter ſall have pluralitie of kirkis.

It is ordained, that the Preſbyteries within this province ſie what is done for a proviſioun for a ſchoole at everie paroche kirk; and withall, that ſchoolles be viſit be the Preſbyteries, and that betuix everie Aſſemblie.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fife holden at Kirkcaldie, April 7, 1640.

[Mr. Robert Blair, miniſter at St. Andrews, choſen Moderator.]

Anent reſtraining buriall in kirks.—Anent the reference conteined in the Preſbyterie book of Kirkcaldie, requiring the reſtraining of buriall in kirkis, the Aſſemblie referred it to the Generall Aſſemblie there determination, and everie Preſbyterie within there owne bounds, to try what they could gett done in that matter.

Anent Mr. Andrew Mitchelſons ſlanderous ſpeeches.—The which day, Mr. Andrew Mitchelſone, ſone lawfull to Mr. John Mitchelſone, ſome tyme miniſter of Bruntiland, being cited be the Preſbyterie of Kirkcaldie, to compeir before this Provinciall Aſſemblie, to be cenſured be it, for ſlandering the Kirk of Scotland and the Covenant, calling the Covenant ane hypocriticall and traitorous Covenant; called on, and not compeirand, the Aſſemblie ordaines the ſaid Preſbyterie to deale with him, firſt perſwading him myldlie to acknowledge his fault, and to bring him to repentance, and if he ſall continue ſtubborne to proceid againſt him according to the order of the Kirk to the uttermoſt cenſures thereof.

The Preſbyterie of Cuper is exhorted to vnitie and brotherlie love among themſelfs, ſeing that proceſs that occaſioned ony thing to the contrarie is cloſed.

The Aſſemblie, finding that the brethren of the Preſbyterie of St. Andrewes in handling of there commoun heades, had not diſputs among themſelfs, ordained them to have diſputs, when they have a common head, in tyme comming.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fife holden at Dunfermlin, October 6, 1640.

[Mr. Robert Cranftoun, minifter at Scoonie, chofen Moderator.]

[Mr. David Forrett, admitted minifter at the kirk of Forgun.]

[Mr. Frederick Carmichael tranfported from Kennoquhie to Markinch.]

[Mr. Thomas Hog admitted minifter of Kennoquhie.]

Mr. Andrew Mitchelfone fled.—The faid Prefbyterie [of Kirkcaldie], being inquired of ther diligence in proceffing before them Mr. Andrew Mitchelfon, fone lawfull to Mr. John Mitchelfon, fometyme minifter of Bruntiland, according to the ordinance of the faid Affemblie, for calumniating the Covenant, declared, that they had entered in procefs againft him, and that he wes fled owt of the kingdom.

Supplication to Parliament for difuniting Kirk of Rafyth fra Innerkethin.—The Prefbyterie of Dunfermlin defired, that the Commiffioners of the Kirk within this province, appointed to attend the Parliament, wold fupplicat the Eftatis, that they wold be pleafed to difunite the kirk of Roffyth from the kirk of Innerkethin; and protefted, that the prefent planting of Innerkethin fould be no impediment thereunto, if the faidis Eftatis fould think it gude.

Lord Burghley his defyre.—The faid day, James Arnot of Ferny fhew to the Affemblie, that my Lord Burghley, his brother,[1] being to lift ane regiment of men owt of Fife for affifting our airmie in England, defired that a leit might be made of fome of the brethren who wer conveened there for the tyme, whereof his Lordfhip might chufe one to be a preacher to the faid regiment. The Affemblie differed there anfuer till the nixt feffion.

Sefs. 3a. October 7.

Minifter for my Lord Burghley his regiment.—For anfuer to James

[1] Robert, son of Sir Robert Arnot of Ferny, on his marriage with Margaret, Baroness Balfour of Burleigh, took the name of Balfour, and bore the title of Lord Burleigh in virtue of a letter from the King.

Arnott of Ferny his propofitioun aboue writtin, the Affemblie named Mr. Robert Bruce, minifter of Aberdour, Mr. Patrick Scowgall, minifter of Darfie, Mr. Robert Traill, minifter of the Elie, Mr. Andrew Honyman, minifter of the Ferrie, and Mr. John Moncreiff, minifter of Kingorne, to be in leit, that my Lord Burghley might chufe ony of them to be preacher to his regiment quhom he pleafed.

Runaway fojors to mak ther repentance, and be delated to the Commiffioners.—Mr. Harie Wilkie, minifter at Portmoock, having inquired of the Affemblie, What fould be the cenfure of fugitives, who wer fworne to there cullouris, and had fled from them? The Affemblie ordained, that fuch fugitives fould mak there repentance publictlie befor the congregatioun; as alfo, that evrie minifter fould inform himfelf of fuch perfouns, and delate them to the commiffioners of the paroches.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE HOLDEN AT CUPER, APRILE 6, 1641.

[Mr. Andrew Auchinleck chofen Moderator.]

Superftitious monuments to be demolifhed.—Anent the remit fra the Generall Affemblie concerning fuperftitious monuments, the Moderator required of the Affemblie, if they knew of ony fuch things within there bounds, that if they wer, they might be demolifhed. It wes ordained that all fould fearch, and if any fould be found, to ufe diligence for the demolifhing of the fame.

Reference to Parliament, provifions for fchoolls.—This Affemblie thinks meit to reprefent to the Parliamentis confideratioun the neceffitie of the plantatioun of fchoollis, and provifiouns for them.

Elements, and augmentation of ftipends.—Alfo, that it be reprefented to the Parliament, that minifters who hes not competent provifioun, and hes not gotten augmentatioun as yet, that courfe may be taken for augmentatioun to them. And feing that the Generall Affemblie ordaines the Communion to be celebrat twyfe in the yeir, meanes may be appointed within evrie parochin for buying of the Elements for that effect.

Seſſio 5, April 8.

Reference to Parliament, the manſe 500 merk.—The Aſſemblie thinks it meit that it be repreſented to the Parliamentis conſideratioun, how that intrantis to the miniſtrie may be fried of the burthen of 500 merkis lyand upon the manſs at ther entrie.

Lykewyſe payment of ſtipend quhair lands ar unlaboured.—In like maner, that conſideration may be had of miniſters having there ſtipend, or ony part thereof, aſſigned to them owt of teethes of lands unlaboured by occaſioun of debtis, compryſings, and other impediments, and ſo they fruſtrat of there proviſioun, what way there loſes may be refounded, and they made ſure of payment.

Fewell and paſturage.—Alſo, that the actes anent foggage, fewall, and paſturage may be renewed.

Noblemen fornicators muſt ſatiſfie as mean men.—Anent the reference of the Preſbyterie of Dunfermlin, craving the determinatioun of the Aſſemblie, what ſall be the maner of Noblemens repentance for fornicatioun; the Aſſemblie ordained, that they ſould keip the order eſtabliſhed in the Kirk anent fornicatoris with all men.

The Act of the ſaid Preſbyterie [of St. Andrewes] for reſtraining of divers ſorts of vyces, is ordained to be regiſtrat in the Provinciall book, as a commune act of the whole province: the tenour whereof followes;—

AT ST. ANDREWES, MARCH 14, 1641.

Act of St. Andrews Presbyterie for restraining vyces, extendit to the whole province, and is to be intimat in everie parishe.—The which day, the Presbyterie being fullie conveened, and having taken to heart the abounding of all maner of sinne, (notwithstanding of the great and glorious workis the Lord hes done, and is doing towards ws, and of our renewed and sworne Covenant), whereby the Lord is justlie provocked, not onlie to breake aff the course of his great mercies towards ws, but also to turn them in most fearfull and terrible judgementis: Bot speciallie, having layed to heart the great dishonour done to the great name of God, which is fearfull and glorious, holy and reverend, by blasphemie, swearing, cursing, banning, swearing be the creature, and idle naming of God, as also by the profanatioun of the Lordis holy Sabbath, by the contempt of Godis word and worshipe, by drinking and tipling, by games and

pastymes, etc. Therefore hes statut and ordained, like as be thir presentis does statut and ordain, that all the laudable Actis of Parliament, and of Generall and Provinciall Assemblies, made for the restraining of such gross sinnes and grievous crymes, be put in executioun be everie kirk Sessioun within the bounds of this Presbyterie, and that the disciplin of the Kirk sall be no less against them, then against whoredome, bloodshed, etc. That everie one that is found cursing, swearing, banning, or onywayes abusing the Lords holy and glorious name, be first gravelie admonished privatlie; and if they doe not amend, then to be admonished by ane Elder; and if they hearken not to the admonitioun of one or tuo, then to be summoned before the Sessioun, and apointed, in presence of the whole congregatioun before the people, to acknowledge there offence; and if they doe yet continue, then to [be] delivered to the Civill Magistrat, to be put in the Jogges and Stockes; and if for all this they leave not aff, then, with the assistance of there masters, to be banished the congregatioun. And to the end that this, so fearfull a sinne, may be tryed, let the Elders be exhorted to be verie vigilant in taking notice of the same, and let all masters of families be taken solemnlie promised to delate these within there families who are guiltie heirin, either to the Elder of the quarter, or to the Minister, especiallie when he comes along to visit or catechises. And sicklyke, everie one who profanes the Lordis day, which is the holy of the Lord and honorable, by byding from the Lordis worship and service, having health of body, by tipling and drinking, either before or after divine service, by games or pastymes, by fisching, going of mylnes, calling[1] of loads, blocking,[2] trysting, buying and selling; that delinquentis of this kynde be punished as is before rehearsed; and that there be searchers appointed for trying how the Sabbath day is keiped, and for delating of such that comes not to serve God in the congregatioun, both before and afternoone. And that people may be keiped in better order, and that it may be tryed how God is served in families, it is appointed that everie Minister visit his whol congregatioun, going from house to house, twyse a yeir at least. And because the woefull ignorance, rudeness, stubbernes, and incapacitie that is seen among the commune people, proceids from want of Schoolis in landward, and the not putting of bairnes to Schoolles where they are, therefore, it is ordained that all possible meanes be used, that there may be a Schooll in everie congregatioun; and that where there is one alreadie, everie one who hes children, ane or ma, put them to the schooll having once past sevin yeir old: If the parents be poore, then in that case, that the kirk Sessioun tak order for paying the Schoolmaster his due either owt of the poores box, or ellis be a quarterlie collectioun made for that purpose in the congregatioun afore divine service; but if the parentis be able, then let them be oblished both to send their bairnes when the Sessioun gives order for it, and not to remove them till the Sessioun be acquainted therewith; and that the onwaiting of the Schoolmasters be preceislie looked to by the Ministers and Elderis, and if they be found negligent, to be censured; and that everie howse that is able, have a Bible and a Psalme Book, at least a New Testament. Likewayes, that all these who superstitiouslie carries the dead about the kirk before buriall, as also the burieing of unbaptized bairnes apart, be taken notice of, and that the practiseris thereof be censured by

[1] Driving. [2] Making bargains.

the Sessioun. And sicklyke, whosoever keips not there dyetis of examinatioun, hour and place, laying all excuse asyde, be taken order with by the Sessioun, and if Ministers and Elderis be found negligent and remiss in punishing the foresaids vyces, and in doing the recommended dueties, to be exactlie censured be the Presbyterie. And ordaines this act to be intimat in everie congregatioun within the Presbyterie, after divine service.

Dalgleiſhe ſatiſfied the Aſſemblie.—Mr. David Dalgleiſhe gave the Aſſemblie ſatiſfactioun anent the miſinterpretation of his doctrin concerning Bruniſme, which he declared to be ſpoken generallie be him, aiming at no particular perſoun.

Seſs. 7, *April* 9.

Reference to Parliament hyring of ſhearers on the Sabbath.—Anent the fearfull and inordinat abuſe of the Sabbath day at Cuper, and divers other partis, by mercatis of men and women offering themſelfs to be hyred for the harveſt everie yeir, with ſuch obſtinat boldnes that it cannot be reſtrained, recommended to this Synod by the miniſteris and magiſtratis of this burgh, It wes thoght meit by the whole Synod, that it ſould be earneſtlie repreſented to the Parliament for the civill reſtraint; and for the ſpirituall part of the offence, it wes recommended to all the brethren in all the ſhyre, that none of there paroche ſould reſort to the ſaids mercatis for pollutioun of the Lordis Sabbath, and likewiſe that no man come to hyre, nor to be hyred.

Reference to Parliament anent ſubſcriptions of miniſters for ſecuring of gentlemen in ther civill rights.—It wes inquired, be our brother Mr. Frederick Carmichael, miniſter at Markinſhe, and others, whither, for ſecuring of the civill rights of gentlemen holding of the late Prelatis, they might ſubſcrive under the ſaids prelatis ſubſcriptiouns before there deprivatioun and excommunicatioun. The whole brethren reſolved to recommend the civill part of the matter to the enſueing Parliament, that the Eſtatis may give there determinatioun heirin.

Night vnlawful meetings within Preſbrie of Cuper referred to ther triall.—Becauſe of the great bruit of wnlawfull meitings be night and be day within the Preſbyterie of Cuper, and particularlie about Stramiglo, the Synod recommendis the triall thereof to the Preſbyterie of Cuper, to the

effect, that if any ſall be found guiltie of ſuch unlawfull practiſes, they may be taken order with, and if otherwayes, that the wnjuſt ſlanderers may be found out and cenſured.

Recommend to Parliament the pariſhe of Aberdour.—The deplorable eſtate of a great multitud of people living, in the mids of ſuch a reformed ſhyre, as verie paganes, becauſe of the want of the benefit of the Word, there being thrie kirkis far diſtant under the cure of ane miniſter, to wit, Aberdour, Dagetie, and Baith; the remeid whereof, the Synod humblie and earneſtlie recommendis to the Parliament.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fiffe, holden at Dysart the 5th of October, 1641.

[Mr. Robert Blair, miniſter at St. Andrews, choſen Moderator.]

Stramiglo meetings groundles.—Anent the diligence of the Preſbyterie of Cuper, in the tryall of the unlawfull meitings about Stramiglo, and the authoris of the ſame, it wes anſuered to them, that after earneſt and diligent ſearche they could find no author of that ſlander to lay hold on, and that that brute that was diſperſed thereanent had no ground ſo far as they could try; wherewith the Aſſemblie wes ſatiſfied.

Darſie kirk to be viſited.—Anent the ſearching of ſuperſtitious monumentis be the ſeverall Preſbyteries, it wes declared be them that there wes none within there bounds. Onlie Mr. Patrick Scougall reported, that there wes ſindrie croſſes in there kirk at Darſie, which be ſome wes not thoght to be ſuperſtitious; and therefore earneſtlie deſired that the Aſſemblie wold be pleaſed to appoint ſome of there number to viſit there kirk heiranent, as alſo anent buriall within the ſaid kirk; which deſire the Aſſemblie thoght reaſonable, and therefore nominated and appointed Mr. Robert Cranſtoun, miniſter at Scoonie, Mr. John Smyth, miniſter at Leſlie, Mr. David Dalgleiſhe, miniſter at Cuper, Mr. Walter Buchanan, miniſter at Sireſs, Mr. John Makgill, miniſter at Fliſk, Mr. Alexander Balfour, miniſter at Ebdie, Mr. Robert Blair, miniſter at St. Andrewes, and Mr. Arthure Myrtoun, miniſter at Crail, the Lairdis of Ferny, Cul-

lerny, Kemback, and Inſhederny, to viſit the ſaid Kirk the firſt Tueſday of November nixt for the effect foreſaid; and to report there diligence to the nixt Aſſemblie.

Hyring of ſhearers on the Sabbath.—Anent the profanatioun of the Sabbath day in the tyme of harveſt by hyring of ſhearers, Mr. Robert Blair, miniſter at St. Andrewes, one of the Commiſſioners appointed be the Generall Aſſemblie to attend the Parliament, declared, that there wes a Supplicatioun given in be them to the Parliament, craving ane Act to paſs for reſtraining of the ſaid profanatioun.

Salt pans.—The Preſbyteries of St. Andrewes, Kirkcaldie, and Dunfermlin are ordained to deale with the maſteris of the ſalt pannes not to require the ſext draught, that the whole Sabbath may be keiped unprofaned.

Seſſ. 5, October 7.

Commiſſioners of the Generall Aſſemblie ther charges to be payed.—The ſaid day the Aſſemblie ordained, that the ſeverall Preſbyteries ſhould tak a courſe to ſatiſfie the Commiſſioners of the Generall Aſſemblie betuixt and the nixt Provinciall Aſſemblie, if they be not ſatiſfied be a public way before that tyme: Alſo, that the whole four Preſbyteries tak the like courſe in paying there charges who hath attended the Parliament and the Commiſſion for planting of the kirks of the whole province, everie brother paying according to the proportioun of his ſtipend.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFFE, HOLDEN AT ST. ANDREWES, APRIL 5, 1642.

[Mr. John Moncreiff, miniſter at Kinghorn, choſen Moderator.]

My Ladie of Pittenweim deceaſed.—The Preſbyterie of St. Andrewes being inquired of there diligence in dealing with my Ladie Pittenweem, for quytting of her papiſtrie, declared, that they had obeyed the ordinance of the Aſſemblie thereanent, and that ſhe wes now deceaſed; and ſo this proces ceaſed.

[Mr. John Mernes, minifter at Carnbie, depofed.]

Report anent the kirk of Darfie.—The brethren and ruling elderis appointed to vifit the kirk of Darfie, anent fuperftitious monumentis and kirk buriell there, being inquired of their diligence, reported as followes:

At Darsie Kirk, November 2, 1641.—Conveened the Brethren of the commissioun from the late Provinciall Assemblie at Dysert, all excepted Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Alexander Balfour, and Inshcderny, whose excuses of necessarie absence wes represented and allowed. The Brethren conveened the said day, be commissioun fra the foresaid late Provinciall Assemblie, in the kirk of Darsie, and particularlie viewing all the partis and monumentis thereof, finds, that at the entrie of sindrie deskis, upon the platforme, and above the great west doore, there are crosiar staffes, in some part alon, and in other as a aditament and cognisance of the last pretended Bischop's armes, not being any signe or cognisance ordinarie and commoune in the armes of that name or familie, bot meirlie a signe of his degrie hierarchicall, according to the maner and forme used among the Romane hierarchists and others following them: Therefore, according to the Commissioun granted to us, we ordain, be thir presentis, the minister and sessioun of the paroche of Darsie, with the assistance of the heritouris, to tak order with the same, according to the ordinancies of the Generall Assemblies, and the late Provinciall Assemblie directing the foresaid Commissioun. Further, they find superstitious, a glorious partition wall, with a degrie ascending thereto, dividing the bodie of the kirk fra there queir, (as it is ordinarlie called in Papistrie, and among them that follow Papists:) And because this particular is not speciallie named in the Commissioun, and a great part of it is the building and ornament of some desks; and above the great doore of their queir, so called, the armes of Scotland and England quartered, with divers crosses about and beside them, are set up, whereupon the Kirk hes not yet particularlie determined; therefore, that part of superstitioun, or what is superstitious in it, the Brethren conveened referred and returned back to the further consideratioun of the Provinciall nixt following.

As concerning the case of buriell in the kirk, another superstitioun observed by us there, and especiallie one in the east end of the kirk, including a number of superstitious respectis, the Brethren, having commissioun, as said is, and resolving, upon the most calm and loving satling of all such matteris, for tyme bygane, and in all tymes to come, being put in verie gude hopes that it sall be closed peaceablie, and according to the order, have resolved, for there owne clering, and direction of there brother, Mr. Patrick Scougall, minister of the said kirk, in his carriage about that busines, that they cannot recommend any farther order anent the redres and setling of that matter nor the prosecuting of the order of the Kirk, incase betuix this and the tuentie sixt day of November instant, the heritouris doe not repaire to the Presbyterie of Cuper, and there declare themselfs to be acted for there uniforme consent, in all tyme comming, to desist fra kirk buriell in the kirk of Darsie; and, for the furtherance of this whole busines, recommends to the Laird of Ferny and Mr. Robert Cranstoun to sie it performed.

Mr. Patrick Scowgall, minifter there, being inquired, what wes done for the performing of the act abouewrittin, reported, that the crofiar ftaffes, upon the entrie of defkis, wer altogether removed, bot as for thefe upon the platforme and above the great weft doore, they wer not as yet removed; bot he fould be anfuerable for the removing of them within a fhort tyme. And whereas there is mention made, in the act of the vifitatioun of the forefaid kirk, of a glorious partition wall of timber, with a degrie afcending thereto, dividing the bodie of the kirk fra the queir, becaufe it was particular and not named in the commiffioun, therefore, that part of fuperftition, or what is fuperftitious in it, the Brether referred back that to the further confideratioun of the Affemblie following: The Affemblie taking the forefaid matter to there confideratioun, after due deliberatioun, concluded, that the partition wall of timber, or chancell, fall be removed, nothing remaining bot fhoulder hight to be for backis of featis adjoining thereto, and this to be done with all convenient diligence. As concerning kirk buriell there, the faid Mr. Patrick declared, that they had difcharged it altogether. And whereas the Laird of Ferny and Mr. Robert Cranftoun wer defired to deale for the furtherance of difcharging the faid kirk buriell, the faid Mr. Robert reported, that they had done fo, and that Fingafk had condifcended thereto, upon the conditioun he fould have libertie to fett up his feat in the kirk of Darfie, where it ftood before, whilk they promifed fould be done; whilk alfo the Affemblie thoght reafonable, and ordained to be fo.[1]

Fyr of Salt pannes to be put owt twixt 12 *hours on Satterday night, till midnight of Sonday, quhilk my Lord Synclar granted vnto.*—The Prefbyteries of St. Andrewes, Kirkcaldie, and Dunfermlin, being inquired of there diligence in dealing with the Mafters of the faltpannes not to require the fixt draught, it was anfuered be the Prefbytrie of St. Andrewes, that they had done nothing anent that matter as yet: They are ordained yet to ufe there diligence. Kirkcaldie and Dunfermline reported, that they had ufed diligence. Kirkcaldie alfo declared, that the reftraint of the faid draught wold not fuffice for efchewing of the break of the Sabbath, bot of neceffi-

[1] "The Church of Dairsie was built by Archbishop Spottiswoode in 1622, when he was proprietor of the Estate of Dairsie. In the old house near the Church, it is said that he wrote his History."—*Stat. Account.*

tie the fyre behoved to be put owt fra 12 houres on Saturday at night, till 12 houres on Sonday at night; which my Lord Synclar had condiſcended unto, and promiſed it ſould be done for his part. The Aſſemblie deſired the other Preſbyteries to aſſay there diligence in effectuating the like.

Anent the bill given in be my Lord Scotſtarvett to the Aſſemblie, complaining, that notwithſtanding of ane act of the laſt Generall Aſſemblie holden at Edinburgh, appointing all the ſeverall Preſbyteries of this kingdome to ſett doun the deſcriptiouns of there ſeverall paroches, according to the alphabet then givin to the ſeverall Commiſſioneris to deliver to there Preſbyteries, and to report the ſame to the Chancellarie, betuixt and the firſt day of Januar laſt bypaſt, yet none of the miniſtrie of this province, except nyne of the Preſbyterie of Kirkcaldie, hes obeyed the ſamen: Therefore the Aſſemblie, conſidering the worthines of the work, tending to the honour of the natioun, appointed the Moderatouris of the ſeverall Preſbyteries to urge the fulfilling of the foreſaid act, betuixt this and the firſt of Maij nixt preceiſlie.

Book of Cuper approved.—The brethren, miniſters and ruling elders, appointed to viſit the Preſbyterie book of Cuper, approved the ſame in all the proceidouris thereof.

Anent the reference therein of the too haſtie marriage of men after there wifes deceaſe, the Aſſemblie referres the ſame back to the diſcretion of the Preſbyterie.

Seſs. 4, *Apr.* 6.

Anent the reference in the book of Kirkcaldie, Whither or no a faſt ſould be keiped at the admiſſion of a miniſter? the Aſſemblie referres the ſame to the conſideratioun of the nixt Generall Aſſemblie.

People to give oath at admiſſion of Miniſter.—Anent the reference therein, Whither or no people at the admiſſion of a miniſter ſall give there oath to obey and reverence his miniſterie in the Lord? the Aſſemblie concluded *affirmativè*, in regard of the practiſe of other Preſbyteries in the province.

Act againſt looſing of ſhippes on Lords day.—Anent the reference concerning the lowſing of ſhippes and boattis, being in ſafe harbries, upon the Sabbath, that there may be ane act of the Aſſemblie reſtraining the ſame

throwowt the whole province, the Aſſemblie ordaines, that if any perſone preſume to do the ſamen they be put to publict repentance.

Setting of netts in hearing tyme on Sabbath referred to the Aſſemblie.—As concerning boattis going for the ſetting of nettis in the tyme of the hearing drove, onlie on the Sabbath day, the Aſſemblie referres the ſamen to conſideratioun of the nixt Generall Aſſemblie.

Act againſt abſents from communion, etc.—Anent the reference conteined in the ſaid book, What cenſure ſould be inflicted upon the perſouns wilfullie abſenting themſelfs from catechiſing, ſermon, or communion? the Aſſemblie ordaines they mak there publict repentance proportionallie to the diettis of there abſence.

Seſs. 5, Apr. 7.

Act againſt theſe quho withdraw themſelfs befor the cloſe of Aſſemblie.—This Aſſemblie ordaines, that everie miniſter and ruling elder who ſall abſent themſelfs from the Aſſemblie heirafter, having none of the allowed excuſes, or being preſent, withdrawe themſelfs from the Aſſemblie without leave aſked and given before the diſſolving thereof, ſall pay ten ſ. ſtarlin to be employed upon pious uſes.

Supplication of Mr. Patrick Robertſon, referred to viſitors of Univerſitie.—Anent the bill givin in to the Aſſemblie be Mr. Patrick Robertſon, ſchoolmaſter of St. Andrewes, deſiring them to tak to their conſideratione that the commune ſchooll of the ſaid citie be not prejudged by the erection of the Humanitie profeſſion at St. Leonardis Colledge; the Aſſemblie fand, that it did not concerne them to medle therein, and therefore referred it to theſe who wer appointed for viſiting of the Univerſitie; only they did appoint that a note ſould be made and inſert in there regiſter of my Lord Scotſtarvet his offer to the proveſt of the ſaid citie, in preſence of the Aſſemblie, that the ſaid profeſſour ſould not medle with the teaching of grammar.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT CUPER, OCT. 4, 1642.

[Mr. David Dalgleiſhe, miniſter at Cuper, choſen Moderator.]

The heritours and Seſſion of the kirk of Darſie requyred to tak doune the partition wall therof.—Anent the reference of the ſaid Aſſemblie to Mr. Patrick Scowgall, miniſter at Darſie, concerning the doun taking of the partition timber wall in the kirk of Darſie, the ſaid Mr. Patrick reported, that there wes nothing done in that matter as yet. The Aſſemblie requires and commands the heritouris and Seſſion of the paroche of Darſie, to tak convenient order with that part of ſuperſtition, according to the act of the laſt Provinciall Aſſemblie, as they will be anſuerable to the nixt Aſſemblie.

Sir Jhon Scotts bill for the deſcriptione of paroches.—Anent the reference concerning Sir John Scott his bill givin in to the laſt Aſſemblie, requiring the deſcription of the ſeverall paroches within the province, the Aſſemblie ſchewes they have done diligence, whilk hes bein delivered be ſome, and is readines to be delivered be others.

Setting of Netts vpon the Sabbath.—Anent the ſetting of nettis in the tyme of the heiring drove upon the Sabbath day, the ſaids Commiſſioners declared, that the Generall Aſſemblie referred that to the conſideration of the nixt Generall Aſſemblie.

Seſs. 5, *October* 6.—There is no excommunicat Papiſt in all the province of Fife.

Mr. Samuel Rutherfurd not to mak vſe of his libertie of tranſportation.—Ane letter to be ſent to Mr. Samuel Rutherfurd, Doctor of Divinitie in St. Andrewes, in name of the whole Aſſemblie, earneſtlie intreating him that he wold not mak uſe of his libertie of tranſportation till the nixt Generall Aſſemblie, without the advice of his brether.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fife, holden at Dunfermline, April 4, 1643.

[Mr. Samuel Rutherfurd choſen Moderator.]

Salt pans of Lothian.—The Moderator of this Aſſemblie is ordained to write ane letter in the name thereof, to the Aſſemblie of Lothian, for reſtraining of the going of the ſaltpannes on the Sabbath day, in reſpect of the offence given to the Preſbyteries within this boundis.

Fiſhing and going of Ferrie boatis on the Sabboth.—Alſo, that inſtructions be givin to the Commiſſioneris that ſall be appointed be this Aſſemblie to attend the Aſſemblies of Angus and Perth ſhyres, for reſtraining of fiſhing and going of ferrie boatis, ſpeciallie at Brughtie, on the Sabboth day.

Kirkcaldie delyvered the Iriſh contribution.—The ſaid Preſbyterie declared, that they had delivered to the collectouris appointed be the Counſell there contribution for the Iriſhe.

Commiſſioners apoynted to try who will lend moneyis for the releiff of the Iriſh armie.—Anent the maner of triall who will lend or give band for moneyes for the releif of the armie in Ireland againſt the rebellis, the whole Aſſemblie, in one voice, concluded, that the ſeverall Preſbyteries ſould meit apart, and mak choiſe of two brether of everie Preſbyterie, with tuo ruling elders, to go throw everie paroche within there bounds, adjoining to them the miniſter of the paroche, for the effect forſaid; and this to be done before the diſſolving of the Aſſemblie. The Commiſſioneris of Angus and Perth ſhyres preſent are earneſtlie deſired to propone this to there Aſſemblies; and it is ordained, that the Commiſſioneris, that are to be ſent to the ſaidis Aſſemblies from this, have this in there inſtructions.

[Mr. Harie Wilkie tranſported from the kirk of Portmoge to the kirk of the Wemyſs.]

Interpretration of act in giving of 6 Miniſters in leit to his Majeſtie, referrd to the Generall Aſſemblie.—This Aſſemblie referrs to the Generall the interpretation of the act of giving ſaxe in leit to his Majeſtie, of whom one is to be preſented to theſe kirkis whereof his Majeſtie is preſenter, for preveening of inconveniences and difficulties which may ariſe theirto.

Perſones in eminent place to ſatiſfie as they who are meane.—Anent the queſtion proponed, concerning the cenſuring of fornicatouris who pretends ſome obſcure place, for eſchewing there public repentance in ane eminent place, it is ordained, that they ſall mak there repentance in the ordinarie place of there reſidence.

The Commiſſioners to be ſent to Stirline Aſſemblie ar ordained, to deſire that Aſſemblie to tak notice of gentlemen within there bounds that frequentis not there oune kirk, neither communicatis.

Mr. John Moncreiff, miniſter at Kinghorne, and the right worſhipfull Sir James Melvill of Bruntiland knight, are appointed to attend the nixt Aſſemblie to be holden at Stirline the ellevint of this inſtant.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fife, holden at Kirkcaldie, October, 1643.

[Mr. John Smythe choſen Moderator.]

The Miniſters to be preſented in a liſt to his Majeſtie.—Anent the reference of the laſt Aſſemblie to the lait Generall Aſſemblie, concerning the act of the Generall Aſſemblie in giving ſixe in liſt to his Majeſtie, whereof one is to be preſented to the kirk wherof his Majeſtie is preſenter, it wes reported, that the Generall Aſſemblie had deſired his Majeſties commiſſioner to recommend there deſires to his Majeſtie, that his Majeſtie wold be pleaſed to accept ane liſt of thrie; which the Commiſſioners Grace promiſed to doe with all convenience.

Seſs. 3, October 4.

A letter ſent from the Commiſſioners of the Generall Aſſemblie to the Synod, ſhewing the danger of the enemie at the Border.—Anent the letter preſented to this Aſſemblie from the Commiſſioneris of the Generall Aſſemblie; firſt, advertiſing them of the danger imminent, no ſmall number of horſs and foott being come to the Borderis, and admoniſhing them, in the Lord, to lay the matter to heart themſelfs, and to labour to mak the people committed to there charge ſenſible of the Lordis contraverſies with them, on the one hand, and to encourage them, on the other hand, to draw neir unto him who is our onlie refuge and ſtrenth: And for there juſt and neceſſar defence and ſafetie, exhort them to receave and obey, with all cherefulnes and diligence, the ſeverall warnings and directions of Kirk and State. The Aſſemblie heartlie accepted the admonition, and reſolved with all cairfulnes to practiſe accordinglie. Secondlie, intreating them to ſhew themſelfs gude examples in accepting, in thir extraordinary tymes, of that whilk the Eſtates or there Committies did deſire of the miniſterie;

whereunto the Aſſemblie wes moſt willing, and promiſed, with all poſſible diligence, to doe there uttermoſt to give all contentment therein. Thirdlie, requiring that furthwith they wold call there people to humiliation by ſolemne faſting and praying, ſo ſoone as this advertiſement ſould come to them, that the Lord may be intreated to ſave us from the dangers threatned by the approach of the enemie. The Aſſemblie ordained that the ſaid faſt ſould be intimat in all the kirkis of the province the nixt Sabbath, to be keiped the Sabbath thereafter, the fyftein of this inſtant. And that among the ſinnes of the land, witchcraft ſould be ſpecified, and the Lord earneſtlie beſought to go on in his begun work of diſcovering the ſame, that the land may be purged of that abomination. Fourtlie, obteſting them that they wold obſerve the craftie and malicious enemies, who either wold not ſie, or acknowledge the danger, or extenuat the ſame; and that they wold be cairfull that they be made knowen to the competent judicatories. The Aſſemblie promiſed there diligence in this alſo.

Maner of the inceſtuous there repentance.—Anent the reference requiring, What ſall be the maner of the admiſſion of ane inceſtuous perſon to his repentance? The Aſſemblie, finding that the perſon of whom the caſe wes proponed, had not ſitten the full tyme in the public place of repentance, ordained, that he ſall ſit ane other quarter of yeir in the ſaid place, with bear head and feet, and ſtand at the kirk doore betuixt the ſecond and third bellis, in the ſaid habit, all the foreſaid tyme.

Act prohibiting cadgers and otheris to prophane the Sabbath day.—Anent a third reference, requiring that ane courſe might be taken for reſtraining cadgers, and other ſuche like perſons, there travelling upon the Sabbath day; the Aſſemblie ordaines, that wherefoever cadgers, oxin driveris, and load callers[1] ſall be found travelling upon the Sabbath, that they be ſtoped; and, if they reſide within the paroche wherein they ſall be apprehended, to be cenſured be the Seſſion of the kirk; if not, that the miniſter of that paroche give advertiſement to the miniſter of the paroche where they duell, for order taking with them.

Anent the queſtion, proponed be Mr. David Dalgleiſhe, What ſall be the cenſure of perſons who have carnall copulation before the marriage,

[1] Drivers.

when no ſcandall at all breakis furth before the marriage? The Aſſemblie referred that particular to the Preſbyterie of Cuper.

Concurrence of the Preſbyterie of Kirkcaldie with the Preſbyterie of Dunfermling for the tryall of witches.—The ſaid Preſbyterie earneſtlie deſiring that the Aſſemblie wold joyne ſome of the Preſbyterie of Kirkaldie to them, that when they ſall have adoe in the matter concerning witchcraft they might have there aſſiſtance; the Aſſemblie did nominat Mr. John Moncreiff, Mr. John Smythe, and Mr. Mungo Law, for the effect foreſaid.

Tryell of the break of Sabboth at Falkland.—It wes alſo declared, that it wes commonlie reported that men played at the catche on the Sabbath day, in the catchpell in Falkland. The Preſbyterie of Cuper is ordained to try that, and if it be ſo, to tak order with it.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT ST. ANDREWES, APRIL 2, 1644.

[Mr. David Forret choſen Moderator.]

No playing at Catche in Falkland on the Sabbath.—It wes declared be the Preſbyterie of Cuper, that it wes found by diligent ſearch, that there wes no playing at the catche in Falkland on the Sabbath day after the ſermons, as wes alledged be ſome at the laſt Aſſemblie.

Seſs. 3, April 3.

The Overtures condeſcendit.—The whilk day, the brether appointed to meit to adviſe anent overtures of witches, and to conſider what adviſe ſall be given to magiſtratis be miniſteris, when they ſall be required anent the cenſuring of charmeris and conſultoris, reported as followes:

1. A Supplication to be ſent from this Aſſemblie to the Councill for ane ſtanding Commiſſioun in everie Preſbyterie, for tryale and judging of witches; and if that petition faill, that a reference of this be made from this Provinciall to the Generall, that the Parliament may be dealt with heirin.

2. A reference to be from this Aſſemblie to the Generall, that more

particular direction may be given to minifteris in the matter of apprehending or trying delated witches, fo far as concernes minifteris; and particularlie, what fould be the ecclefiafticall way in dealing with fuche as are onlie delated be one witche confeffing, without ony other prefumption againft them. In the meantym, it is thoght fitteft, till the Affemblie determine, that fuche fould be fufpended from communicating.

3. The feverall Prefbyteries are to be cairfull to think upon and have in readines overtures anent charmeris and confultouris, to be prefented to the next Generall Affemblie. The Affemblie approved the overtures, and condifcended thereunto.

Minifteris nominat to goe to the North with my Lord Elcho.—The faid day, there wes prefented to the Affemblie a letter from my Lord Elcho, craving, that feing it had pleafed the Committie of Eftatis to lay upon him the charge to go to the North, and to ufe all ordinarie meanes, fo farre as God will give affiftance, to compefs that impious and vile rebellion againft this Kirk and Kingdom, to nominat tuo of there number to goe along with the people to encourage in fo gude a expedition. The Affemblie, being moft willing to give fatiffaction to fuch a reafonable defire, after deliberation and voicing, ordained Mr. George [John] Moncreiff and Mr. George Baverich, to go along with the faid Lord, and to continue with his Lordfhip the fpace of fourtie dayes; and the Prefbyteries of St. Andrewes and Cuper to releave them, and the Prefbyterie of Kirkaldie to fupplie the faid Mr. John his place, *per vices*, during his abfence.

Lilias Baxter excommunicat.—It is ordained, that all the minifteris of this province fall mak intimation, owt of the pulpitis, of the excommunication of Lilias Baxter, within the Prefbyterie of Kirkcaldie, fugitive for witchcraft.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fyffe, holden at Cuper, October the First, 1644.

[Mr. Robert Blair chofen Moderator.]

Familie exercife and vifiting of families preft.—The Affemblie having taken to their confideratione the great neglect and flighting of familie

worſhip through the ſeverall Preſbyteries, notwithſtanding of the many former actis made theiranent, the brethreene are exhorted and deſyred to viſitt the ſeverall families of their congregatione, to preſs this dutie ſtill, and to threaten cenſures if it be not performed.

The way of tryall of witches recommended.—The Aſſemblie, finding that as yit ane approven way is not found out for the tryall of witches, and conſulteris with witches, recommends this to the cair of the Generall Aſſemblie, or Commiſſioneris thairof.

Reference of Beſſie Maſone, a confeſſing witche.—Anent a reference of the Preſbyterie of St. Andrewes, of vmquhile Beſſie Maſon, a confeſſing witche, affirming, that one Alexander Beatoune did intice hir to the committing of that fearfull ſinne of adultrie, which ſinne, as ſchoe affirmed, cauſed hir fall into that other ſinne of witchcraft; the Aſſemblie determines, that the ſaid Alexander ſhalbe putt to his oath.

Helper to the Kirk of Cuper recommended.—The Aſſemblie, having taken notice of Mr. David Dalgleiſhe his regrait anent the weightie charge of his miniſtrie, he being for long tyme without ane helper in his miniſtrie, recommends this to the diligence of the Preſbyterie of Cuper in ſetling ſo neceſſare a work.

Certaine Overtures condiſcendit vpon by the Aſſemblie.

Overtures.—Seing the Lord our God, heighlie provockit by our ſinnes, hath called in the ſword, and ſmyten this ſhyre in ſpeciall, the Aſſembly think it fitt that the inhabitants thairof be ſtirrd vp to humiliation and reformation beyond others.

And firſt, beſyde the ſolemne humiliation appinted by the Commiſſioners of the Generall Aſſemblie to be kept the laſt Sabboth of October, and the Veniſday thairefter, this Aſſemblie thinks fitt that the Sabboth preceiding, togither with the Tuieſday and Thurſday of that weik, be alſo dayes of ſolemne humiliatione; and that the Preſbytries in thair ſeverall bounds, are everie moneth to appoint a day ſolemnely to be kept till the nixt Aſſemblie, that the Lord ſtill may aboundantly be intraited to grant wnto ws the ſanctified vſe of his ſtraikes inflicted, as wee would not draw downe new ſtrikes.

Nixt, that immediatly efter the ryſing of this Aſſemblie, every miniſter enter to viſite the families of his charge, exhorting them moſt earneſtly to repentance, and preſſing the performance of prayer in families, and teaching them particularly how to goe about that dutie.

And becauſe the ſtraik hath mainlye lighted vpon townes, it is thought fitt that the miniſter or miniſters, at leaſt once a-day, pray publicklye with the people, giving a word of exhortatione breiflie, as healthe and ſtrenth permitts; and whair there is conveniencie heereof in the landwart, it is fitt alſo the lyke be done thair.

Nixt, becauſe thes who fell in the hands of the publick enemie vere inſnared in dangerous oathes, (though propounded in generall and plauſible tearmes,) or ells have ſpoken in favours of the enemies, it is fitt that all thes be informed and conveened befoir the ſeverall Seſſions, and who ever proves refractarie to be proceſſed. As alſo, that in every place, perſons evill affected be cenſured in due tyme, eſpecially ſuche as have vented malitious words againſt miniſters or others.

As alſo, that penalties inacted by law be exacted, by Sabboth breaking, ſwearing, and curſing, and that magiſtrats and heretours in landwart be deſyred to aſſiſt miniſters herein. As alſo, that the act of the Preſbytrie of St. Andrewes, made anent drunkenes, ſwearing, and curſing, formerlie approvin by the Provinciall Aſſemble, be regiſtrat in the Provincial bookes, and put in execution through the province.

And laſt, that the fearfull ſinnes of bloodſheed and witchcraft with diligence be proſecuted, togither with inceſt and the lyke.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE, HOLDEN AT DUNFERMLINE, THE TUENTIE OF MAII 1645.

The Aſſemblie wes continued and prorogate to this day, becaus of the preſent troubles of the ſhyre.[1]

[Mr. Jhone Duncane, Moderator.]

[1] It had been indicted for the first Tuesday of April.

Act restraining Salt pannis to be put in executione.—Anent the act for salt panis, it is answered by the Presbytrie of St. Andrews, that my Lord Pittenweeme hes acted himselfe, that his pannis shall not goe from twelf houres vpon the Satturndayes night, till twelf houres vpon the Sondayes night. The Presbytrie of Kirkcaldie answeres, that the act is not observed with them. The Assemblie ordaines, that the act of the Synode made thairanent be put in executione through the severall Presbytries.

Mantenince for Schooles.—The Assemblie recommends still the cair of provyding for schooles to the Commission of the Generall Assemblie, that thei may dealle with the Parliament for that effect.

Tryal of witches, &c. referred to the Generall Assemblie.—This Assemblie referris also the way of tryal of witches, charmers, and consultirs with witches to the Generall Assemblie.

Kirk of Darsie.—It is recommended to Alexander Inglis of Kingaske, depute bailzie of the regalitie of St. Andrews, to haue a cair that the act of the Assemblie be satisfied, anent the full removing of quhat is superstitious in the kirk of Darsie, and particularlie anent the leavelling of the queere; whiche he being present did promise.

Mr. George Dewar deposed.—The Presbyterie of St. Andrews, and Commissioners adjoyned with thame, made report that Mr. George Dewar is deposed.

Mr. William Barklay deposed.—Anent the reference of the tryal of Mr. William Barclay, minister at Falkland, the Presbytrie of Cuper sheweth, that that busines wes put to ane end, and that he was deposed be the Commission of the Generall Assemblie.

Sewis suspect of witchcraft to be put to ane asyse.—The Committee appointed for overtures anent family worship, advyses that the woman called . . . . Seweis, in the prisone of St. Andrews, suspect for witchcraft, and against whom thair be strong presumptions, shalbe first dealt with by the ministers, and others who are acquainted to deale with such persons; and if that way cannot prevaile, efterward thei are to desyre the civile Magistrat to put hir to ane asyse; as also, a care would be that thes chosen on asyse be the more judicious and vnderstanding men.

Witches delated by ane witch referred to the Generall Assemblie.—The As-

ſemblie referris to the Commiſſioners of the Generall Aſſemblie, What ſhalbe done with thes who are delated witches, by one only confeſſing witche, whither or no thei may be admitted to the benefittes of the Kirk, ſome of whom have beene debarred three or foure ſeverall dyets from the Communione?

Act of the Preſbyterie of St. Andrews, reſtraining Penny-bridles to the number of 20 perſones.—The Preſbytrie Booke of St. Andrews approven. The Aſſemblie commends ane act in ther booke, anent the reſtraining of Pennybrydls to the number of tuentie perſones, and ordaines the extending of the ſaid act in the whole province; whairof the tenor followes:

At St. Andrewes, Aprile 26, 1643.—The Presbytrie, considering the great abuse that still is amongst the most pairte of the commones, by gathereing of multitudes to Pennybridles, notwithstanding of several actes made against the same by Justice of Peace and Presbytries, it is appointed, that ministers shalbe peremptor in prosecuteing the tenor of the Act of Justice of Peace, and that, at the contracting, thei shall take the parties enacted in the Session bookes, that thei shall not exceede the number designed, [and] that vnder the paine of lose of ther penaltie. And because of the great abuses that is lykwayes among them, by conveening multitudes at baptismes and contractes, the Ministers and Sessiones are appointed to take strict order for restraineing thes abuses, that in number thei exceede not six or sevin. As also, ordaines that the hostleres who make such feasts shalbe censured by the Sessiones; and the Presbytrie to crawe particular account of Ministers and Sessiones heirein, that if thei be found remisse thei may be censured accordinglie; and ordaines this act to be intimate in everie pulpite of this Presbyterie.

Sturdie beggars abuſe and profainnes.—The Aſſemblie, conſidering the great abuſe and profainnes by reaſon of ſturdy beggars, doe recommend to Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Thomas Melvill, the Laird of Naughton, and Alexander Inglis of Kingaſke, to repreſent the ſamyn to the Committee of Fyffe at Cuper, that thei may deale with the Committee of Eſtates for redres.

Buchan and Cuper fugitives ſuſpect for witchcraft, to be intimat.—The Preſbyterie book of Cuper approven; recommends to the brethrene of the ſeveral Preſbyteries to intimate in their ſeveral kirkes, that Beſſie Cuper and Jeane Buchane, fugitives from the diſcipline of the Kirk, ſuſpect for witchcraft within the paroche of Creiche, that thei may be found out if thei be in the province.

Overtures approven to be practiſed.—The brethreene who were appointed to thinke vpon ſome overtures for the good of the province, did give in thes overtures following; quhilks are approven by this Aſſemblie, and appointed to be inſert and practiſed as followes:

1. The Aſſemblie appoints a ſolemne faſt and humiliatione to be kept through the kirks of this province, on Sonday the firſt of Junij, for the cauſes of the laſt publick faſt, and the recent rageing of the ſword and peſtilence; and doth recommend to the ſeverall Preſbytries to be frequent in keiping humiliations within thair bounds during the continuance of theſe judgments.

2. The Aſſemblie recommends to the ſeveral Preſbytries to be diligent in viſiting thair kirks; and think fitt, that at the viſitatione, the elders be inquired ſeverallie, one by one, anent thair miniſters doctrine and converſatione, and the ſtate of the congregatione.

3. For furthering of familie exerciſe, this Aſſemblie thinks meet, 1. That at the viſitatione of Kirks, ſpecial tryal be taken what progreſs is made in every congregatione. 2. That miniſters frequentlie preſs theſs dewties in thair doctrine, and labour to perſwade the performance of them. 3. That miniſters be cairfull to viſite the ſeveral houſes of thair parroche; enquyre what ordir is kept in every familie for religious exerciſes, both on the week dayes, and on the Lords day; inſtruct thair people of the materialls of prayer, and of the obſervation of the whole Sabboth in families; and exhort them nott to reſt in redd prayers, nor in ſpending a part of the Lords day. 4. That in the Preſbytries every month inquirie be made of everie miniſter his diligence and ſucceſs heireanent. 5. That ruling elders be exhorted by every miniſter, not only to be exemplar in performance of familie dewties, but faithfull in preſſing them vpon others, in thair ſeveral quarters, and delating ſuch as are deficient. 6. And in caiſe, efter the vſe of thes meanes, it be found thes exerciſes are not performed, that miniſters declaire the Aſſemblie wilbe neceſſitat to proceid to think vpon the cenſures of the Kirk to be vſed againſt ſuch as are deficient.

Preſbetrie of Cuper to try who vttered vnſeemlie and ſcurile expreſſions.—The Preſbetrie of Cuper removed, cenſured, approven. The Aſſemblie

having heard that ſome of the brethrene thair are knowen to have uttered vnſeemlie and ſcurrile expreſſions publickly in the pulpit; the Preſbetrie would try who haue failed thus, and make report to the enſewing Synode.

The Provincial Assemblie, holden at Kirkaldie, the Sevinth of October, 1645.

[Mr. Jhon Moncreif, Moderator.]

Letter from the Commiſſion for tryall of Malignants.—The letter ſent from the Commiſſione of the Generall Aſſemblie conveened at Perthe, deſyring that tryall ſhould be made, if either miniſters or vtheris had complyed with the enemie. Whairvpon the ſeverall miniſteris being particularlye inquired, and nothing found againſt any of them, except ſuche as the Commiſſion of the Aſſemblie had taken to thair conſideratione; alſo the brethrene of the ſeveral Preſbetries are diligentlye to try who are malignants within thair bounds, and to give in the grounds of thair malignancie, lykwayes the points of thair deficiencie, with all poſible expeditione.

Liſt of the ſlaine, and neceſſituous widdowes and orphanes ſince the firſt of September, 1644.—Anent the deſyre of the Committie of Eſtates, preſented by the laird of Boggie, that a particular liſt of the neceſituous widdowes and orphanes within the ſhyre of ſuch as have beene killed in the publick ſervice, it is ordained, that a perfyte roll of all the ſlaine ſince the firſt of September 1644, be given in, and that it be marked in the roll whare thei were killed, and what is the conditione of the relict, and what burden thei have of childrene. And this to be deliuered at St. Andrewes the 14 of this inſtant.

The report of the Committee for Overtures.—1. The Committee thinks it meet that thair be a ſolemne humiliatione in the ſhyre, vpon a Lords day and a weik day, for the cauſes of former faſts, togither with the infectione of peſtilence laitlie begun to ſpread in the ſhyre; and referris the tyme thairof to the Aſſemblie.

2. As alſo, the Committee thinks fitt, that thair be a ſerious recom-

mendatione for the proviſione of ſchooles by act of Parliament, from this Aſſemblie.

3. Since the Committee of Eſtates are ſhortlie to ſitt in this ſhyre, conſidering what blood hath beene ſhedd of theſs in the ſhyre by the rebellis, the Committee thinks it fitt that this Aſſemblie lay hold on this oportunitie for ſupplicating the Committee of Eſtates, that juſtice may be done vpon ſuch of the rebellis as God hath deliuered into thair hands.

The Aſſemblie, having redd and conſidered the forſaid Overtures, doe approve of the ſame, and apointis the 26, being the Lordis day, and 30 of this inſtant, being Thurſday, to be ſett apart for faſting and humiliatione through the province. As alſo, the Aſſemblie ordains the preſent Moderator to recommend the overture anent ſchooles to the Commiſſioners of the Generall Aſſemblie, that it may be preſented to the Parliament by them.

Sicklyke, the Aſſemblie ordainis the Moderatour, Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Patrik Gilleſpie, Mr. Andro Honnyman, to draw vp ane pithie and effectual Suplication for the executione of juſtice, and to preſent it to the Committee of Eſtates. Lykas, the Aſſemblie nominats Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. Robert Traill, Mr. Alexander Moncreif, Mr. Andro Bennet, to repair to the Committee of this ſhyre, to notifie this thair purpois unto them.

The Preſbetrie of Dunfermline removed, cenſured, aproven. Some of the brethreene thair exhorted not to remove thair owne perſons from thair chardge in the tyme of the diſtreſs thair flocks are vnder, becauſe of the plague of peſtilence.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE AT ST. ANDREWES, APRILE 7, 1646.

[Mr. Andro Bennet choſen Moderator.]

Witches, charmers, and conſulters with witches.—Anent the tryall of witches, charmers, and conſulters with witches, the Aſſemblie referris it to the Generall Aſſemblie approching, and deſyres the Commiſſionars, to be appointed by the ſeveral Preſbetries unto the Generall Aſſemblie, to preſs the appointing of a Committee for conſideratione thairof at thair firſt ſitting downe.

Kirk of Darſie.—Anent the removeing out of the kirk of Darſie the monuments of ſuperſtitione, and all other thinges preſcribed by the act of the Provinciall Aſſemblie, the Aſſemblie ordaines Mrs. James Wedderburne and Walter Greig, with all earneſtnes, to preſs Alexander Inglis to put the act of the Provincial Aſſemblie to executione, ſince the buſines hath beene ſo long delayed; and to report thair diligence at the nixt Aſſemblie.

Widdowes and orphanes.—Anent the names of neceſſituous widowes and orphanes, whoſe huſbandes and fatheres have beene killed in theſs late troubles, the Aſſemblie recommendes to the ſeverall Preſbetries, that a liſt of them in every parroche, ſubſcribt by the miniſter and ſome elderes, be delivered to the Commiſſionars from the Generall Aſſemblie in thair Preſbytries, that by them the ſame may be given in to the Commiſſion of the Generall Aſſemblie at thair nixt meeting in the ſecond Wenſday of Maij; and the Commiſſion deſyred to deliver the liſts vnto the Committee of Parliament, who hath called for them, and to joyne thair requeeſt for ſpeedie help.

Kirk in the landwart of St. Andrewes erected.—Anent the erectione of a new kirk in the landwart of the parroche of St. Andrewes,[1] the Preſbytrie of St. Andrewes reportes, that thei have obtained ane act of Parliament for the erectione; and that thair is ane young man who bath paſſed his tryalls, and is to be admitted to the new erected kirk, immediatelie efter the diſſolveing of this Aſſembly. The Aſſemblie approves and commendes thair diligence.

Seſs. 5. Aprile 9, Ante meridiem.

Mr. David Orme his humbling himſelf befoir the Aſſemblie.—Mr. David Orme, called vpon, compeird, and the greevouſnes of his ſinne being repreſented unto him by the Moderatour, and judgment of the Aſſemblie concerning his cenſure declaired, he made a large acknawledgment of his faultes, expreſſing, with teares, his great and vnfained greiff for the ſame, and proteſted vpon his conſcience, that he knew nothing of the foirnamed brethrene, but thei were and alwayes had beene honeſt and faithfull miniſters of the Goſpell, and ſound in the matter of doctrine and diſcipline. Efter the which, he humbled himſelf vpon his knees, befoir the Aſſemblie,

[1] Cameron, disjoined from St. Andrews, and erected into a separate parish.

and prayed the Lord earneſtlie to forgive him, and deſyreing the brethrene lykwayes to forgive him; and promiſeing, by the grace of God, to be more circumſpect in his carriage, and more diligent in his calling in all tyme comeing. As alſo, to ſubmitt himſelfe to what wes enjoyned or further ſhould be enjoyned by the Aſſemblie.[1]

Thes who take or give drinkes, etc.—Annent the reference from Kirkcaldie Preſbytrie, What ſhalbe the eccleſiaſtike cenſure of thes who give or tak drinkes for deſtroying of the birthe? The Aſſemblie referris it to the approching Generall Aſſemblie.

Ruling elderis.—Annent the reference from the Preſbytrie of Dunfermline, What ſhalbe done, if a ruleing elder choſen refuiſſe to accept of the calling? The Aſſemblie thinkes fitt that he be cited befoir the Preſbytrie, who are to judge of his reaſones, and if thei find them not relevant, to appoint him to vndertake, and if he refuiſſe, to proceid againſt him with the cenſures of the Kirk.

Elderes who are not conſcionable in their callinges.—Annent the reference concerning elderes who keepe not the meetings of the Preſbytries and Provincial Aſſemblies, and ar not conſcionable in the diſcharge of their duetie, eſpeciallie in the delateing of the offendares mentioned in the act of Parliament, at Perthe, 1645; the Aſſemblie thinkes fitt that miniſters be carefull to have their Seſſions purged of ſcandalous and ignorant men, and to have honeſt and able men choſen in thair places; and vpone the day of receiving the elderes, or intimateing the depoſition of any, thei frame thair doctrine to the inſtructing of elderes in thair duetie, and all other tymes as occaſion ſhall offer.

Mr. Jhon Barron to be tryed.—Annent Mr. Jhon Barron, who hath accepted vpon him to be Principal of [the] Olde Colledge without evir acquainting of the Preſbytrie, and is reported to have vttered, in his exerciſe befoir the Parliament, ſomething contradictorie to what had beene

[1] Mr. David appears to have been guilty of justifying "the lawfulnes of treateing with James Grhame," and of slandering Mr. Robert Blair and Mr. Patrick Gillespie; for which he was sentenced "to make declaratione of his vnfained repentance, and of his estimatione of the forenamed brethrene," publickly, on the Lord's day, at his own church of Monimeal, and in the church of Cupar.

delyvered by ſome of the brethrene who had preached or exerciſed befoir: This Aſſemblie doth ordaine the Moderatour, Mrs. Walter Greege, Jhon Moncreiff, Fredricke Carmichael, Colernie, and Fernies, to meete with the Preſbytrie of St. Andrewes vpon the 15th of this inſtant, at St. Andrewes, for trying and judging the premiſſes.

Malignants debarred from the Lords Supper.—Annent ſuche as are vnder the cenſure of the civile magiſtrat for malignancy, the Aſſemblie thinks thei ſhould not be admitted vnto the Lords Supper vntill thei be abſolved.

The Provinciall Assemblie at Cuper, October 6, 1646.

[Mr. James Wood choſen Moderator.]

Salt pannes.—Annent the reſtraint of going of ſalt pannis on the Lords day, the Aſſemblie commendis ane act of the Preſbetrie of Kirkcaldie, made anent ſalteres, and ordaines it to be practiſed through the province, the tenor whairof followes:

The quhilk day the Presbetrie considering the multiplied relapse of salteris in Sabboth breaking, and how frequentlie thei have mocked God with simulating publict repentance, yit doe still live in profanatione of the Lords day, and that thei are now become regardles of the forme of thair satisfactione befoir pulpitis, doe thairfoir ordaine, that efter intimatione heirof, the salteris that shall persist in Sabboth breaking, being lawfullie convict of thair sinne, shall make thair repentance in the publick place apointed for receaving of penitentis, and to double thair dayes of apeiring befoir the congregatione according to the proportion keeped in the receaving of other relapsed scandalous persones, and that they be heirby expresslie suspendit from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, till such tyme as thei give prooff of thair reall reformatione. And this the Presbetrie thinks verie necessarie for the terror and shame of such impenitent and obstinat offendaris.

Witches.—Anent the tryall of witches, charmeris, conſulteris with witches, it is ſtill referred to the nixt Generall Aſſemblie to diſcerne thairin.

Witches ſuſpect.—Anent the debarring from the Communion ſuch as have beene delated for witches, by one dying confeſſing witche alanerlie, the Aſſemblie referris it ſtill to the determinatione of the enſewing Generall Aſſemblie.

Pennibrydles.—Anent pennibrydles, the Aſſemblie ordaines the act to be publictlie red in everie pulpite, and put in practiſe through the province.

Mr. Jhon Barron.—The Prefbetrie of St. Andrewes and Commiffioneris adjoyned with them, mak report that Mr. Jhon Barron gave fatiffactione.

Sefs. 5, Octob. 8, ante meridiem.

Towne of Cullen.—The quhilk day, thair wes ane letter given in by my Lord Findlater, reprefenting the diftreffed eftate of the towne of Cullen, which wes vtterlie brunt by the rebellis; as alfo a recommendation from the Eftates of Parliament, and Commiffionaris of the Generall Affemblie, defiring that a collectione might be given for the rebuilding of thair houfes: The Affemblie recommendes to the feverall Prefbetries, that thei have the firft two dayes colectione through everie Kirk of this province.

Mr. Johne Row.—Thair wes alfo a letter given in by Mr. John Row, minifter at Abirdeeine, declairing that the Generall Affemblie did recommend that his Hebrew Grammar fhould be received and perufed for the increafe of the firft language. The Affemblie thairfoir appoints Mr. Patrik Gillefpie, minifter at Kirkcaldie, to fignifie vnto the faid Mr. John quhat number of thefs bookes he fhall fend, that everie minifter within the province may have on of them for his ufe.

Supplication to the Parliament.—The Affemblie finding how reftles the indevores of the commone enemies are, at this tyme, to work a divifion and rupture betuixt the two vnited nationes, in one voyce did agree, that a Supplication fhould be fent from this prefent Affemblie vnto the enfewing meeting of the Eftates of Parliament, to incourage thair honors, and ftirr vp thair cair, for preferving that bliffed vnione; and appoints Mrs. Andro Bennet, David Forret, Frederick Carmichael, Walter Bruce, minifters, Colernie, Randerftoun, Inchdernie, Fordell younger, ruling elderes, to goe and attend the firft fitting downe of the Parliament, to prefent the faid Supplicatione; the tenor whairof followes.

To the High and Honorable Court of Parliament, the humble Petitione of the Provincial Assemblie of Fyff at Couper, conveened the eight day of October 1646.

It is not vnknowen to your Honors, that the solemne and sacred tye betuixt thes kingdomes, so hapilie vnited throught the blissing of God vpon your endevores, hath beene the eye soare of the enemies of the cause of God, being the greatest obstructione of all the designes against

the worke of Reformatione; and that whiche hath not beene preserved without many sufferings and much expence off blood, being the avowed quarrellis of the barbarous rebellis, exercising such vnspeakable crueltie and inhumanitie vpon the Lords people, whairof non hawe shared more deeplie then this province, which we mention for no other end, then that your Honoures may know wee doe not repent our sufferings so long as wee may enjoy the fruits of the Gospell, and this blissed worke of Reformatione, and sie your Honoris, with all the godlie in thes kingdomes, stronglie vnited in the Lord against the common enemie, but shall yit be readie (through Godis assistance) to lay out our sellffes in doeing or suffering for the caus of God, as you, in your wisdome and zeale, shall prescrybe to vs.

May it thairfoir pleais your Honouris, to take vnto your gravest consideratione, the deepe sence whiche your petitioners have of the invetirat malice and restles endevoris of the common enemie, and disaffected partie within our owne bowells, tending to the wakening and violatione of that blissed vnione, togither with humble desire, that, as thair hath beene nothing more befoir your eyes then the preservatione of that sacred tye, soe the same mynd may eminentlie shyne foorthe in all your Honouris proceidings in this exigent, that the hopes of the Malignant partie may be finallie blastit, and the desires off al the godlie in thes kingdomes satisfied, with such ane rich blissing as wee pray for, and promise vnto our sellffes from your Honours meiting at this tyme.

Kirk of Camron.—The Aſſemblie, finding that the kirk of Camron is now erected by the Eſtates of Parliament, to be a diſtinct parroche from the parroche of St. Andrewes in all tyme coming, have thairfoir apointed the inhabitants of the ſaid paroche to have the benefittes of the kirk of Camron, and apoints the miniſters of the kirk of St. Andrewes to refuiſe them the ſaid benefittes.

St. Ninians.—The Aſſemblie aproves the adjoyning of the towne and landis of St. Ninians [St. Minans] to the kirk of Abercrumbie; and ordaines the Preſbyterie of St. Andrewes to deale with the Commiſſion for plantatione of kirkes for thair ratificatione.

Of ſuch who debaris themſelffes from the Communion.—The Aſſemblie recommendes ane act in thair booke, making mentione of ſuche who refuiſe to be reconciled befoir the Communion, (and ſo debarring themſellffes from the Communion,) that thes ſhould give ſignes of repentance publiklie befoir the congregation. The Aſſemblie ordaines this act to be put in practiſe through the province.

Dancing referred.—It is referred to the enſewing Generall Aſſemblie, the groſſe abuſe of laſcivious mixt dancing.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE AT DUNFERMLINE, APRILE 6, 1647.

[Mr. Walter Greig chofen Moderator.]

Parroch of Newbrough.—Anent a reference of the Prefbyterie of Couper, What fhalbe the cenfure of the moft parte of the parroche of Newbrough, for converfing with Andro Anderfone, ane excommunicate perfone? The Affemblie ordaines, that thei be cited befoir the Prefbyterie, that thair thei may receive thair fentence, viz. that the feverall Elderis, knowen to have converfed with the faid excommunicate perfone, fhall make thair publick repentance in the face of the congregatione, vpon a Lords day. Lykwayes, the Affemblie ordaines a folemne faft and humiliatione to be kept that day, that the reft of the parochiners foirfaid may mourne for fo great ane offence.

Fornication referred.—It is referred to the enfewing Generall Affemblie to determine, whither trelapfe or quadrulapfe in fornication fhall fatiffie as adulterers, becaus of the frequencye of fornicationes.

Aprile 8, *Sefs.* 5.

The brethreene appointed to mak the draught of ane Act concerning the fanctificatione of the Sabboth, gave in the fame, which, being redd and confidered, wes voyced and approven by the Affemblie; the tenor whairof followes:

Act for fanctification of the Sabboth.—The Affemblie confidiring the great profanatione of the Lords day, (notwithftanding of former actes made againft the profaners thairof,) think fitt to require the feverall Prefbytries to be cairfull in putting former actes made thairanent in executione: As alfo, doe judge it neceffarie to make particular enumeration of fuch profanationes as are moft common within the bounds of this province, not expreffed in former actes; fuch as goeing about ane civile bufines abroad in other congregationes, or at home in thair owne, vpon the Lords day; the fetting of horfes for hyre, or travelling homeward with the horfes that have beene hyred; the going to taverns or aillhoufes, befoir or efter fermons, within the boundis or places of peoples ordinarie

residence, and for all others, the drinking of that whiche is beyond necessarie refreshment; the mispending of tyme largelie, sitting and tipiling beyond the tyme necessarie for refreshment, whiche tyme is not to be for ordinarie more then half ane hour, and whair thair is any more then ordinarie occasion, not to exceid ane hour, and this to strick against the selleres of the drink alsweell as the buyeres thairof, in maner foirsaid; the vageing abroad, sitting or walking idle vpon the streetes and feildes, quhairby the sanctifying of the Lordis day in families is vtterlie neglected, and the occasion of idle and wordlie conference fostred. And ordaines the transgressores, in maner foirsaid, to be censured in maner following, viz. for the first fault to be conveened befoir the Session, and confess thair fault; for the second, before the congregatione; and for the thrid, besydes ane other publick rebuiking of them, to be suspendit from the Lords Supper, ay and while they give testimonie of thair reformatione to the minister and session.

The Assemblie ordaines ministers in thair severall charges to take the best courses thei can for restraining the running vp and downe of litle ones and young children vpon the Lords day, in the tyme of, or efter sermones, and that parents and masters be vrged to keepe them within doores. Also, magistrates vold be intreated to put in executione any civile actes that are against yeirlie and weiklie mercates on Mononday or Saturday, according to the laudable practise of Magistrates in other provinces.

Overtures anent Schooles.—The brethreene appointed to give in overtures for promoveing of schooles, gave them in, whiche were approven; the tenor whairof followes.

1. For effectual training vp of childrene at schooles, first, that ministers in thair doctrine press frequentlie the duetie of parents to traine vp thair childrene at schooles.

2. Second, that ministeres, in the course of visiting families, take vp a compleit roll of childrene above fyve, and vnder ten yeeres of age.

3. Thrid, that parents frequentlie be exhorted, in the course of visitatione, to send childrene to schooles vpon thair owne charges, iff thei be able, and, whair thei are not able to intertaine them, that the Session provyde for the best remedie; and, incaise of slaknes, that the parents of the one and the other conditione be threatned with processes.

4. That maſters of ſchooles be charged to give notice to the miniſter or Seſſion, from tyme to tyme, of the withdrawing of any childrene put to ſchooles, befoir thair proficiencie, and that vnder paine of cenſure as the Seſſion think fitt.

5. That miniſteres doe frequentlie viſit the ſchooles, and take tryall if the number of childrene put to ſchooles be according to the roll taken vp in viſiting families; and ſuchlyke the tryall of maſteres diligence and paines vpon the poore ones.

6. That maſteres of families be exhorted to vſe meanes for learning thair ſervants to reid.

Faſt, 3 Wennſday of June nixtocome.—The Aſſemblie, conſidering that thair is great increaſe of drunkennes and ſwearing, and other ſcandelous offences, within this province, and that thair is much neglect among eldires in delateing offenderes of that kynd, whairthrough thei was uncenſured, doe thairfoir appoint a ſolemne faſt and humiliatione to be kept within this province vpon the thrid Wenifday of June nixtocome, for averting the Lordis wrathe provocked by theſe ſinnes; and doe require miniſteres in thair doctrine on that day to preſs vpon elderes thair dueties, and to put them in mynde of the oath of God that is vpon them, for faithfulnes in thair callings, and to take them publickly ſworne, who have not given thair oath, befoir the congregatione.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fyfe, holdine at Kirkaldie, the fyft of October, 1647.

[Mr. Robert Traill choſen Moderator, and Walter Dalgleiſhe, clerk of the regalitie of Dunfermline, elected clerk to the Synod.]

Act anent the ſatiſfactione of Expectantis.—The queſtione being proponed to the Synod concerning the ſatiſfactione of Expectantis falline in fornication, the Aſſemblie ordaines ther cenſur to be as followes, viz. That he come firſt befor the Preſbytrie quher the fault wes committit, and ther mak declaratione of his repentance; then be remitted to the Seſſion quher he reſidis, for declairing of his repentance in the public place; and, eftir he

hes ſittine ther tuo Sabboths, he ſhall againe come to the Preſbytrie to ſho yet farder the ſence of his guyltines, and his ſorrow for it. And then, gif the Preſbytrie be ſatiffeit with his repentance, he ſhall be receavit the thrid Sabboth.

Act anent ſueareris and obſcean ſpeakeris.—As alſo, the Synod does ordaine in all the kirks of this province, miniſteris and Seſſiones ſhall appoynt tuo elderis, quho may, vpoun everie mercat day, tak notice of theſe quho ſhall be fund ſuearing or vttering any obſcean ſpeiches. And that they ſhall crave help of the civill magiſtrat to concur with them as ſhalbe neidfull; and that they dilaitt to the Seſſioune ſutch as ſhall be fund guyltie.

Mr. Harie Couper and Mungo Diddingſtoune.—Anent the ſupplications given in be Mr. Harie Couper and Mungo Diddingſtoune, to be receavit in the boſome of the Kirk; the ſaid Mungo, having given evident ſignes of his vnfained repentance for his vyle and vnhaird of fornicatioun, is remitted to his awine Seſſioune. The ſaid Mr. Harie Couper is referrit to his awine Preſbetrie.

The Act againſt Sir James Scott ordained to be expunged.—Quharas ther wes ane act of the Provinciall Aſſemblie at Cuper, anno 1646, October 6, *Seſs. 2, poſt meridiem*, depoſing Sir James Scot from his office of elderſhip, for the reaſones contenit in the ſaid act, the Aſſemblie having receavit his Declaratioun, the tenor quherof followes:—" I am heartillie ſorry that any expreſſione proceiding from me hes beine offenſiue to the reverend Synod of Fyffe, quhilk, I am perſuadit, if it had beine takine in the ſenſe that I meant, wold not haue given offence. And, for cleiring of the matter, I declair this wes my meaning, and ſtill is, That I did not aſcryve prayer vnto phantaſie and memorie as principall cauſſis, (ſeing the Spirit of God is author of prayer); bot I conceave them to be naturall faculties, quhich being illuminat by Godis Spirit, therby one is maid mor fit to pray. *(Sic ſub.)* J. Scott."—Appoynts the ſaid act of the daitt foirſaid to be expunged.

Mortification of Mr. Harie Smyths ſtipend.—Anent the mortification of ane ſtipend to Mr. Harie Smyth, miniſter at Baith, ilk ſeverall Preſbytrie within the ſaid Synod ar content to contribute as followes, viz. The Preſbyterie of St. Androis four hundreth punds, the Preſbyterie of Cuper tua

hundreth and fiftie pundis, the Preſbyterie of Kirkaldie thrie hundreth pundis, and the Preſbyterie of Dunfermling, tuo hundreth and fiftie pundis. Approvine, and recomendit to the ſeverall Preſbyteries.[1]

The Preſbyterie of Dunfermling removit, wer alſo approvine; onlie it wes recomendit to them that fornicatoris ther ſitting vpon the place of repentance vpon weik dayes ſould not be allowit in ſtead of Sabboth dayes. As lykwayes, Mr. Harie Smyth, miniſter at Baith, wes deſyrit to look narrowlie to on of his parochinaris, quho is reportit to be now and then at the putting of violent hand to himſelf, and requyre the aſſiſtance of vther bretheren for that effect.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fyffe, hauldine at St. Androis, the 4 Aprile, 1648.

The roll of the miniſteris and rewling elderis of this Aſſemblie ar cited according to the ordour, quhoſe names followes:

The Presbiterie of Sainct Androis.

Sainct Androis.	Mr. Robert Blair. Mr. Samuell Rutherfuird. Mr. James Wood. Mr. Andro Honyman. Doctor Colvill.	James Suord.
Sainct Leonardis.	Mr. Walter Comrie.	Mr. David Neave.
Camroun.	Mr. George Nairne.	Jno. Martine of Lathone.
Dyninnow.	Mr. Johne Hairt.	The Laird of Kinnaldie.
Kingiſbarnes.	Mr. James Bruce.	Laird of Pitmillie.
Kilrinnie.	Mr. Robert Bennet.	Sir James Lumiſdenn.
Craill.	Mr. James Shairp.	Mr. Johne Lindſay of Wormſton.
Auſtruther Eiſter.	Mr. Coline Adame.	William Blak.

[1] Baith had been disjoined from Aberdour.

Anſtruther Weſtir.	Mr. David Guthrie.	Peiter Olyphant.
Pittinweim.	Mr. Johne Melvill.	Johne Keith.
Abercrumbie.	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	Johne Ireland.
Carnbie.	Mr. Harie Rymour.	Laird of Moncreiff.
Kilconquhair.	Mr. David Forrett.	Laird of Kilbrekmonth.
Elie.	Mr. Robert Traill.	Laird of Sanfuird.
Newbirne.	Mr. George Hamiltone.	Laird of Auchmutie, yr.
Largo.	Mr. James M'Gill.	Laird of Lundie.
Kembok.	Mr. George Barone.	
Forgoune.	Mr. Alex. Weddirburne.	Dav. Balfour of Sandfuird.
Ferrieportnacraig.	Mr. Thomas Wood.	
Leucharis.	Mr. Patrik Skougall.	Johne Meldrum.

The Presbiterie of Couper.

Couper.	Mr. David Dalgleiſhe.	Carslogie elder.
Dairſie.	Mr. David Raitt.	Kembok elder.
Syruſs.	Mr. William Row.	Robert Bennet younger.
Cults.	Mr. Johne Alexander.	William Dawzell.
Ketle.	Mr. Johne Ramſay.	
Falkland.	Mr. William Leivingſtone.	Lachreiſs younger.
Stramiglo.	Mr. Johne Murray.	Balcanquell.
Auchtermuchtie.	Mr. James Martine.	Gen. Maj. Leſlie of Myres.
Culleſſie.	Mr. Johne Litiljohne.	Jas. Lindſay of Kilquhis.
Monymaill.	Mr. David Orme.	The Laird of Mount.
Ebdie.	Mr. Alexander Balfour.	The Laird of Aytoun.
Newburgh.	Mr. Laurence Olyphant.	Andro Anderſone.
Fliſk.	Mr. Johne M'Gill, elder.	Laird of Creich.
Creich.	Mr. Andro Bennet.	Robert Williamſone.
Dunboig.	Mr. Johne M'Gill, younger.	Thomas Bowman.
Balmerinoch.	Mr. Walter Greig.	Andro Condie.
Kilmanie.	Mr. George Thomſone.	Gen.-Major Lumiſdenn.
Logie.	Mr. Johne Durie.	Williame Bell.
Munſie.	Mr. James Weddirburne.	Johne Ferrie.

The Presbiterie of Dunfermline.

Dunfermling.	Mr. Robert Kay. Mr. William Olyphant.	The Laird of Balmule.
Baith.	Mr. Harie Smyth.	Andro Betſone.
Aberdour.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	David Stevinſone.
Dalgatie.	Mr. Andro Donaldſone.	Sir Johne Erſkyne.
Innerkeithing.	Mr. Walter Bruce.	Robert Brown.
Torrieburne.	Mr. James Sibbald.	
Culrois.	Mr. Johne Duncane.	Johne Maſtertone.
Carnock.	Mr. George Belfrag.	Robert Creiche.
Saling.	Mr. William Merſhell.	
Cleiſche.	Mr. James Carmichall.	Andro Hendirſone.
Kinroſe.	Mr. George Coldine.	Wm. Shaw of Lathangie.
Orwell.	Mr. Patrik Geddie.	

The Presbiterie of Kirkaldie.

Kirkaldie.	Mr. James Symſone.	
Kingorne.	Mr. Johne Moncreiff.	Johne Boſuall.
Bruntiland.		
Auchtertuill.	Mr. Joſhua Meldrum.	Halzeardis, younger.
Auchterderay.	Mr. Johne Chalmeris.	James Tod.
Kinglaſſie.	Mr. Thomas Melvill.	Pitzocher.
Ballingrie.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	Patrik Greig.
Portmook.	Mr. George Ogilvie.	Kirknes.
Leſlie.	Mr. Thomas Black.	George Thomſone.
Markinch.	Mr. Frederick Carmichaell.	David Landallis.
Kennowie.	Mr. Thomas Hoig.	Williame Miller.
Scuny.	Mr. Alexander Moncreiff.	
Weyms.	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	David Broune.
Dyſert.	Mr. Williame Nairne. Mr. James Wilſone.	Archibald Halket.

[Mr. Johne Moncreiff chofen Moderator.]

Profanatioun of the Lordis day.—Concerning the reference anent the profanatioun of the Lordis day by fieing of fheareris thervpoun, the Affemblie expectis the diligence of the Commiffione of the Kirk theranent, to quhom the famyne wes remittit; as alfo, defyres the Commiffioneris of the feverall Prefbyteries of the province, to recomend to the faid Commiffione of the Kirk, that the reiding of warnings for removing of tennentis, inhibitiones for teyndis, and vtheris of that natur, may be put af the Lordis day, and that the Commiffione of the Kirk may deall with the Parliament theranent.

Commiffioneris for the change of Mercattis.—The Affemblie, taking to ther confideratioun that the Acts of Parliament concerning the change of mercattis, both anniverfary and weiklie, from Saterday and Monenday to fome vther dayes in the weik, for the mor religious obfervatioun of the Sabboth, ar not put to executione in manie partis of this province, they therfor ordaine that the feverall Seffiones and Prefbyteries *refpectiuè*, fhall vfe exact diligence ffor effectuating therof; ffirft, by ferious recomending it to the feverall brughis and villages within ther boundis, and incais of ther refuifall or vnneceffer delay, to vfe fome legall way by advyce of the Advocat of the Kirk, how they may be compellit therto.

Colleague for Mr. Johne Duncane.—Concerning the fetling of ane colleague to Mr. Johne Duncane in the paroche of Culros, report being made be the faid Mr. Johne, that ane competent provifione wes fetlit for the faid colleague, and that they wer vpoun the choyfe of ane fitt man for the charge, the Affemblie recomendis the cair heirof to the Prefbiterie, and fpeciallie to the faid Mr. Johne, that the famyne may be put to ane poynt againft the nixt Affemblie.

Bonfyres vpoun fuperftitious nights.—Concerning the kindling of bonfyres vpoun fuperftitious nightis, viz. Midfomer and Alhallowmes, the Affemblie ordaines, that the feverall Prefbytries tak exact notice of abufes in that kynd within ther boundis; and that the feverall heretouris, and in ther abfence the principall tennentis, with the concurrance of the Elderis in eache paroche, cairfullie obferve delinquentis, that they may be cenfured according to the Acts of the Kirk.

6 *Aprilis, Seſs.* 5, *poſtmeridiem.*

Cauſes of a Faſt.—The Aſſemblie, finding it neceſſar in this exigence of tyme, that a ſolemne day of humiliatioun be appoyntit throw the ſeverall kirkis of this province, they appoint Mrs. Samuell Rutherfuird, David Forret, and Walter Greig, miniſteris, to condiſcend vpoun the Cauſes. Quha, having removit themſelfs, did preſent to this Aſſemblie the Cauſes following:

Cauſes of a Faſt through the province of Fyffe.

1. The great abounding of looſnes, profanitie, and groſe ignorance of God, and the extreame ſecuritie and hardnes of heart, notwithſtanding of the ritch mercie and goodnes of God, in vouchafing the means of grace ſo plentifullie, and ſo manifeſt evidences of the heavie diſpleaſour and wrath of God, eſpeciallie againſt this part of the land.

2. In many ſocieties, famileis, and particular perſones, not ſo mutch as a forme of religione, and, in the far greateſt part, litle or nothing of the power of godlines, but a meer formalitie in ſecreit, domeſtick, and public dewties.

3. A diſpyſing, hating, and mocking of the power of godlines.

4. A generall declyning and defectione from our former zeall in the mater of religione, covenant, and work of reformatioun, palpablie diſcernable in many miniſteris of all rankis, in nobles, gentlemen, burrowes, comunes, particularlie in miniſteris, quherof too manie ar diſaffected to the cauſe of God, as appearis by ther cariage in the public judicatures, manie carles, and not ſpirituall, in going about ther dewties of ther miniſteriall functione, ſome ſcandalous and offenſive.

5. The great corruptione creipt generallie into the judicatures of the land, be reaſone of diverſs perſounes therin evidentlie diſaffected to the cauſe of God; quherof ſome have bein opine enemies, otheris ſecreit vndermyneris.

6. The vnwillingnes and want of zeall in elderis, in not dilating and repreſſing the abhominable provocatiouns of ſuearing, curſing, rotten communicatioun, Sabboth breaking, and vncleannes, throw the not executing of the lawes, civill and eccleſiaſticall, maid for that effect, notwithſtanding

of our manie profeſſit ſolemne faſts of old and of late, for theſe and the lyk ſcandalous ſinnes.

7. We ar humblie to intreat the Majeſtie of God, that he wold gratiouſlie be pleaſed to change the heart of the King, and mak him a heartie favourer of religione, and the cauſe of God, to purge out the corruptiones of the judicaturis of the kingdome, and to ſhyne vpoun the determinationis of State and Church; that ſutch courſes may be reſolved vpoun as may eſtabliſh Religione, promove the endis of the Covenant, and preſerve Monarchie in the perſone of the King and his poſteritie.

Quhilk being read and conſiderit, wer vnanimouſlie approvine, and the firſt Thurſday of May, being the fourt therof, appoyntit for that effect.

Chapmen.—The Aſſemblie recomendis to the ſeverall Preſbyteries, that chapmen be oblidged to adher ſo to ſome certaine congregatioun, that they be examined and comunicat ther, and be able to bring from thence teſtimoniallis.

Mr. Zacharie Boydis Pſalmes.—Concerning the deſyre of the Comiſſione of the Kirk for reviſing of Mr. Zacharie Boydis Pſalmes and Spirituall Songs, the Aſſemblie hes put it in the handis of the miniſteris of St. Androis, and maiſteris of the New Colledge, quha ar appoyntit to reviſe the ſame, and report ther diligence to the nixt Synod.[1]

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fyffe, hauldin at Couper the 17 day of October, 1648.

Mr. Samuell Rutherfuird choſen Moderator.

Superſtitious fyres.—The Aſſemblie ordanis that intimatioun be made

[1] Mr. Zachary Boyd, minister of the Barony parish of Glasgow, whose numerous poetical works on scriptural subjects are well known to the literary antiquary, prepared a metrical version of the Psalms, which was published at Glasgow in 1646, under the title of "The Psalmes of David in Meeter, by Mr. Zachary Boyd, Preacher of Gods Word." Mr. Boyd having designed this work for the use of the Church of Scotland, it was submitted to the revisal and sanction of the Generall Assembly, and the different Presbyteries; but, although by no means destitute of merit, the metrical version by Rous was adopted by the Church in 1650, and any other discharged from being used in divine worship.

of the act against superstitious fyris, the Sabbath befoir Midsomer evin and Hallow evin, (as they call them;) and that the nixt Presbitrie day, efter aither of the saidis dayes, the Moderator of ilk Presbitrie crave accompt of all the brethren quho hes failzeit against these actis, that he may be presentlie censured.

Committee appointtit for tryall of Mr. Walter Bruce.—The Committie, appointtit be this Assemblie, for considering Mr. Walter Bruce his proces, reportit, that having viewed the proceidings of the late committie at Dalgatie, appointtit be the former Assemblie thairanent, do find, that the matter is not as yit rype for this Assemblie; as also, that having callit vpoun Mr. Walter and inquyrit of him, quhither as yit he wold acknowledge the wordis alledgit spokin by him in his sermone, viz. "That the spirit of godlines in thir tymes was ane salt humour aryfing fra the melt trubling the stomack, and ascending to the head, whilk maid a craking of the braine," he did still stand to the denyall thairof, both in wordis and sence: Thairfoir thinks fitt, (gif the Assemblie shall so judge,) that thair be ane new committee appointtit to go on with the proces betuixt and the nixt Assemblie. Vpon the whilk report, the Assemblie dois appoint the personis following, viz. Mrs. Samuell Rutherfuird, John Moncreiff, Fredrick Carmichaell, John Duncane, James Sibbald, Walter Greig, George Thomsone, James Wood, Dauid Forrett, Alexander Moncreiff, James Wilsone, ministeris; rewling Elderis, the Lairdis of Creich, Fenyis, Auchmowtie younger, Kincraig, and Finmonth; to meitt at Kirkcaldie the first Tyisday of December nixt ensewing, with continewatioun of dayis, and that they, or any sevin of them, sall have full power to juge and determine the haill busines, as they sall find caus.

Mr. Walter Bruce and Mr. Williame Merschell.—Lykas, the Assemblie having heard some scandalous reportis of the said Mr. Walter, as one that vses suearing, and hes not preachit against the late vnlawfull Ingagement; as also, having hard that Mr. Williame Merschell, minister at Sawling, dois vse suearing, and hes bein also in his preaching silent againis the said Ingagement, and scandalousslie conversit with Malignants; appoints the foirnamit personis to cognosce, juge, and determine vpoun these matteris also; and for that effect, ordains the Presbitrie of Dunfermline to mak

ſerious inquiſitioun and tryall concerning the former ſcandalous reports of the ſaidis Mr. Walter and Mr. Williame reſpectiuè.

Zacharie M'Callum.—Mr. James Wood having repreſentit a deſyre to the Aſſemblie for mantainance of ane boy, callit Zacharie M'Callum, having the Eriſh tongue, at the gramour ſcooll of St. Androis, for the ſpace of ane yeir, untill he be readie for the Colledge; the ſaid deſyre was grantit.

Letter to the Commiſſioun of the Generall Aſſemblie read and approvin.—The draucht of the Letter, appointed to be drawin vp to the Commiſſion of the Generall Aſſemblie, being publictlie read, was vnanimouſlie approvin, and appointed to be preſentit be Mr. Samuell Rutherfuird, miniſter, and James Suord rewling elder, to the Commiſſioun of the Kirk, with the firſt convenience; the tennor quherof followis:

Reverend and dear Brethren,

Among the manie and great mercies which our Lord had, from tyme to tyme, manifestit towards his Church in this land, wee cannot but acknowledge this a verie singulare on, neuer to be forgottin by any of ws, or of the people of God, that, in a tyme of such difficulties and dangeris as this Church hes bein involved in of late, he hes bein pleased to make yow, who wer set vpoun the watch tower, so providentlie to forsie, and faithfullie to giue warning of the dangeris to people of all ranks and places; and that he hes also givin so eminent and glorious testimonie to your pains and labours for his awne glorie, and saftie of his poor Church, by terrible things in richteousnes against the dispyseris of his counsell holdinfurth by yow. Wee are confident, withowt all dowbtting, that yow are sensible of the great ingagement heirby layd vpoun yow not to wearie in such weill doing, bot more and more, in the micht of the power of the Lord, to improue the trust committit to yow, as to prevent and obviat in your way all plottis and designis that men, who will not sie the Lords hand quhen it is lifted vp aganist them, may yit contryve and pursue against the caus of God in these kingdomes. So also to take ordour with such men, especiallie in the functioun of the holie ministerie, as may be fund, in the tyme of the late lamentable defectioun and euill cowrses, to haue bein complying with, or acting in divisiue way for justifying and advancing thairof, of which sort wee ar greived that so manie are liklie to be fund in the land, though with all divine dispensatioun is to be adored which hes suffred them to vent them selffis at such a tyme that they micht be manifested that they have not bein all of ws. Wee have bein now some dayes heiring, and since our meitting heir, more fullie and certainlie informit, that in our neighbouring province of Perth verie manie brethren at and about the tyme of the late Generall Assemblie, in sundrie clandestine meittings, drawin vp paperis tending to complyanee with the late sinfull Ingagement, which they purposed to have givin into the Assemblie: Whairvpoun wee did enter vpoun ane vnpartiall shearch and tryall of all these of our owne provinee that wer present;

posing euerie man verie solemnlie, least any such euill work sould be found among ws also. Bot (blissed be God) have fund non at all, which wee thought fitt to communicat to your worships then rather to stop the mouthis of such as may be readie, for their awne ends, to cast aspersionis of this kynd vpoun any in our province. Nevirtheles, accompting ourselffis as memberis of the bodie much interessit and concernit in the weillfair of the whole Church, wee thought it incumbent to ws now assemblit togidder, to signifie vnto you our deip sence of such courses in vtheris, and our desyre that ye wold, with all possible diligence and zeall, go about to discover and tak ordour with them according as the importance of the matter requyris. Trewlie wee cannot bot say, that in our judgement quhoeuer they be, they have not onlie contravenit the faithfull proceidings of the late Commissioun of the Church, so vnanimouslie approvin be the Generall Assemblie, bot also verie grivouslie violated our Solemne Covenants, and endeavourit a most dangerous rent and shisme in the Kirk of God. Bot knowing that your Worships are able to sie more thairin nor we possiblie cane, wee craue pardoun for suggesting so much. And committing yow, with your counsellis, vnto the directioun and prospering blissing of the Lords spirit, restis

Your loving Brethren,

(Sic Sub.) Mr. Samuell Rutherfurd, *Moderatour.*

Couper, 18 *October*, 1648.

Queſtionis proponit to this Aſſemblie.—The Aſſemblie being certainlie informed that thair hes bein ſome ſupplicationis and paperis, tending to complyance with the late ſinfull Ingagement, contrair to the proceidings of the late Commiſſioun of the Church, have bein drawne vp and ſubſcryuit in and about the late Generall Aſſemblie by manie miniſteris in ſundrie Preſbyteries of this kingdome, to be givin in to the Generall Aſſemblie; and hearing of ſurmiſes, that ſome brethren of this province had hand in paperis of that kynd, thought it neceſſarie that all and euerie ane of the memberis of this preſent Aſſemblie ſould be ſolemnlie poſit vpoun theſe queſtionis following, viz.

1. Quither any paper, ſupplicatioun, or purpoſe, concerning the commoun caus and late Ingagement, drawin vp or ventit be quhatſumeuer perſonis, was preſentit or communicat to yow without the knowledge or conſent of the Preſbitries and judicatories of the Church reſpectiuè quhair ye are?

2. Quither euer ye heard of any ſuch ſupplicatioun, paper, or purpoſe, going throw the cuntry?

3. Quither euir ye conſentit to or ſubſcryuit any ſuch ſupplicatioun or purpoſe?

4. Quither ye was at any meitting at Edinburgh, or els quhair, aither with Statis men or vtheris, advyſing or conſulting about matteris of the late Ingagement and publict caus, prejudiciall to the reſolutionis of the Commiſſioun of the Kirk, or without the knowledge of the publict Judicatories of the Kirk quher ye are reſpectiuè?

5. Quither ye know any that hes ſubſcryuit the late Band of the Parliament, or hes givin counſell or conſent thairto, within the province of Fyff?

Which being accordinglie done, euery one preſent in the Aſſemblie did purge them ſelffis concerning euery ane of the articles for thair awne pairt: Only ſome declairit, that they could not ſay bot ſome of thair parochinars micht have ſubſcryuit the Band of the Parliament, wha wer weill enugh knawne to all. And Mr. Patrik Skougall declairit, as to the ſecond article, that quhill he was at Edinburgh the tyme of the Generall Aſſemblie, Mr. Alexander Keith, miniſter at Strabrek, in diſcours with him, proponit this queſtioun to him, Quhat gif thair ſould be ane ſupplicatioun of miniſteris for better correſpondence betuixt the Kirk and State? That he anſuerit to the ſaid Mr. Alexander, that it wold be a diviſiue motioun, and vnlawfull; and that heiron no farder diſcourſe paſt betuixt them anent that matter.

Mr. Dauid Raitt.—Report being maid of ſome ſcandalous wordis vttered by Mr. Dauid Rait, in ane prayer at Falkland, in relatioun to the late ſinfull Ingagement, viz. theſe, "Lord preſerue Our Armie that is gone in to England, from doing any thing againſt the Covenant." And Mr. Dauid being poſit heirvpoun, declaird, by ſolemne proteſtatioun, that he neuer callit it Our armie, bot That armie; and that his intentioun, in the reſt of the wordis, was no other bot that God wold reſtrain thair power from doing miſcheiff. Vpoun which declaratioun of Mr. Dauid, and withall, the teſtimonie of his brethren of his honeſtie in the publict caus, the Aſſemblie acquieſſed, only admoniſhing him to be more circumſpect in his wordis both in preaching and praying heirefter.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HALDEN AT DUNFERMLINE THE THRID DAY OF APRILE, 1649.

[Mr. George Hamiltoun chofen Moderator.]

Actis for reftraining of the profanatioun of the Lordis day.—The Affemblie, for reftraining of the profanatioun of the Lordis day, by hyreris, carieris, and vtheris, ordains that pairt of the act maid thairanent, at Dunfermline in Aprile 1647, to be cairfullie put in executioun, with this additioun, that jorneyis on the Satturday be fo contryvit that thair be na neceffitie of returning on the Sabbath. And recommendis the executioun heirof to all magiftratis of burghis and vtheris concernit thairin. And that carieris be appointtit to produce thair teftimoniallis quhair they reftit on the Sabbath, according to the act of the late Generall Affemblie.

Colleague for Mr. John Duncan fetled.—Anent ane colleague for Mr. John Duncan, minifter at Culros, the parochin of Culros hes obeyed the ordinance of the Affemblie thairanent.[1]

Zacharie M'Callum.—Anent Zacharie M'Callum, it is ordinit, that for euerie kirk within the province thair be payit fortie fhillings for his mantainance, and the proportioun of the difference of the kirk is referrit to the feverall Prefbitries.

April 4, Sefs. 3, antemeridiem.

Yule day.—The Affemblie appointis the feverall Prefbitries to enquyre in thair boundis, quhat fuperftitioun is vfed in obferving of Yuile day, and accordinglie to cenfure the famen; and to advyfe what effectuall courfe may be taken for fuppreffing thairof in tym coming.

Superftitious going to wellis.—The Affemblie, being informit that fome went fuperftitiouflie to wellis denominat from Saintis, ordains Prefbitries to tak notice thairof, and to cenfure thefe that are guiltie of that falt.

Reference anent witchcraft.—It is alfo referrit to the Generall Affemblie, quhither perfons dilattit for witchcraft, and not purgit, may be admittit to the benefitt of the Kirk.

[1] Mr. Robert Edmistoun appears in the Roll of the following Synod as the colleague of Mr. Duncan.

Meafoun word.—The Affemblie referris the reference from the Prefbitrie of Dunfermline, concerning the Meafon word, and thair oathis of fecricie thairanent, to the Generall Affemblie.

The brether nominat to affift in the chufing of Regentis.—The Prefbitrie buik of St. Androis fein and approvin. Thair being prefentit to this Affemblie ane act from the vifitoris of the Vniverfitie of St. Androis, datit in Januarij 1649, concerning the ellectioun of the minifteris to affift in the chufing of Regentis in the Colledges of Philofiphie thair, the number not exceiding ffyve, and the quorum thrie; do heirby appoint and ordaine thair reverend brether, Mrs. Robert Blair, James Sharpe, Alexander Moncreiff, Walter Greig, William Oliphant, minifteris, to joyne with the minifteris [maifteris?] of the Colledge quher the Regent fall happen to vaik, for tryall of the teftimoniallis, literatur, and converfatioun of the intrant, conforme to the act, and this commiffioun to continew for a yeir.

Letter from Ferny to be anfuerit.—The Affemblie, having receauit ane letter from the Laird of Ferny requyring for a lift of Malignantis affifting to the late finfull Engagement, referris the anfuer thairof to the difcretioun of the feveral Prefbitries, and ordains a letter to be writtin from the Synod to the Laird of Fernie to that effect.

Anent help for bringing witches to confeffioun.—The baillies of Innerkeithing defyrous for help in examining and bringing witches to confeffioun, the Synod recommendis this to the Prefbitrie of Dunfermline.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE HALDIN AT KIRKCALDIE, THE TUENTIE FYFT DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1649.

[Mr. John M'Gill chofen Moderator.]

Provifioun of kirkis and fcollis.—The Affemblie having enquyrit the feverall Prefbitries, quhat diligence they have vfed anent the provifioun of kirks and fcollis, anfueris as followis, viz. The Prefbitrie of Dunfermline hes alreadie plantit thairis, except ane or tuo, quhilk they intend, God willing, to plant at the nixt vifitatioun of thair kirkis: The Prefbitries of Saintandrois and Kirkcaldie hes alreadie done thair diligence in

that point. And the Aſſemblie recommendis to the Preſbitrie of Couper to provyde for thair ſcollis, conforme to the actis of the Generall Aſſemblie maid thairanent.

Purgeing of Seſſionis from ignorant and ſcandalous perſonis, and ſuperſtitious obſerveris of Yule day, etc.—The Aſſemblie ſtill recommendis to the ſeverall Preſbitries, to think vpon the moſt effectuall way for purgeing of Seſſionis from ignorant and ſcandalous perſonis; and to cenſure theſe in thair boundis that obſervis Yule day, and gois ſuperſtitiouſlie to wellis denominat from Saincts; and to advyſe quhat effectuall courſe may be taken for ſuppreſſing thairof in tym comming.

Act in favouris of Dauid Balfour.—The Aſſemblie having ſeriouſlie conſiderit the petitioun given in be Dauid Balfour, quho had bein detained long in captivitie, and had ſervit ffyve voyages in the Turkis gallies at Argeiris, ffor quhois releiff the Parliament ordained a contributioun to be collectit; in obedience quhairof, the province of Ffyffe did contribute ane certaine ſowme of money, and pat the ſamen in the handis of Mr. John Moncreiff, miniſter at Kingorne, and Mr. Robert Cuninghame of Woodfeild, burges thair; and the Aſſemblie, conſidering that it hes pleaſit God in his providence to bring the ſaid Dauid home to his dwelling place; and finding that he hes onlie obtainit fridome to his perſone, bot is ſtill in a verie diſtreſt conditioun; the Aſſemblie conſidering that charitable dealling of the Thrie Lowdians to Mr. Alexander Riddoch and his brother, who were in his companie at that tyme, and thair los far inferiour to his; doe thairfoir appointt and ordaine the whole ſuperplus of the contributioun receavit be the foirſaidis perſonis, (exceptand the ranſome of Claws Pitcleine,) ffor the quhilk the ſaid Mr. Robert hes geven band, and ſome more releiff to the relict of vmquhile Adame Greig, on of the ſaid captives, (according to the diſcretioun of the Preſbitrie of Kirkcaldie), to be delyverit to the ſaid Dauid Balfour.

Act for Civill Magiſtratis.—The Aſſemblie recommendis to the ſeverall Preſbitries to have a civill magiſtrat in ilk parochin to put thair actis to executioun.

Elſpeth Seath ſuſpect of Witchcraft.—The Preſbitrie of Cuper are ordained to vſe all meanis to try Elſpeth Seath, ſuſpect of witchcraft.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE HAULDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, THE SECOND DAY OF APRILE, 1650.

[Mr. Fredrick Carmichaell chofen Moderator.]

Baith provydit.—The Prefbitrie of Dunfermline declairis, that the kirk of Baith is provydit of ane ftipend.

It being alfo regraittit to the Synode that drinkeris and fueareris, obftinat perfonis tranfgreffouris in refuifing to work on Yule day, wer not dewlie cenfurit, the Affemblie appoints thair reverend brethren Mrs. Colin Adame, Johne M'Gill younger, Alexander Moncreiff, Kenneth Logie, minifteris; the Laird of Moncreiff, rewling elder, and the correfpondent of Perth,[1] to reprefent thair ovirtures concerning thefe particularis to the nixt Seffioun.

Lady Abircrombies chyld.—Thair being a reference from the Prefbitrie of St. Androis concerning the baptizing the Lady Abircombies chyld, the Provinciall grantis the chyld fall be baptized, fuppofing that my Lord Abircrombie adhearis to his former letter writtin to the laft Synode, yet fo that they doe not heirby cleir hir of that fcandall.

Elfpeth Seath.—The Affemblie ordains the Prefbitrie of Couper in thair feverall pulpets, to defyre all that hes any dilationis to give in againft Elfpeth Seath, fufpect of witchcraft, to declair the fame.

Anent the difcoverie and cenfure of intemperat drinking and fuearing.—1. That everie paroche be divydit in feverall quarteris, and each elder his owne quarter, over which he is to have fpeciall infpectioun, and that everie elder vifit his quarter once everie month at leaft, according to the act of the Generall Affemblie 1649, and in thair vifitatioun tak notice of all diforderlie walkeris, efpeciallie neglectouris of Gods worfhip in thair families, fueareris, haunteris of aill houfes, efpeciallie at vnfeafonable tymes, and long fitteris thair, and drinkeris of healthis; and that he dilate thefe to the Seffioun.

2. That the Act of the Provinciall Affemblie concerning drunkennes, fuearing etc., be revived, and againe publictlie read in churches, togidder with the late Act of Parliament againft drunkennes.

[1] Mr. William Bell, minister at Dron.

3. That everie Seſſion day the miniſter enquyre ſerioufliе at the elderis if they, or ony of them, have taken notice of anie guiltie of ſuearing, drunkennes, vnſeaſonable haunting of aill houſes, and long ſitting thair. He is alſo to be frequent in mynding the elderis of thair dewtie, and the accompt they are to mak to God in thair diſchairge of it.

4. That everie Seſſioun buik bear the miniſteris diligence in inquyring concerning theſe things at every Seſſioun; and that this, and the wholl ordour of the Seſſioun may be better knowne, everie Seſſioun is to ſend in thair regiſter to the Preſbitrie tuentie dayis befoir every Synodall Aſſemblie, and the Preſbitrie to examine the buiks.

5. That ſelleris of aill to theſe quho are drunk, or vnſeaſonable and exceſſive in drinking, ſall fall vnder the ſame cenſure with the drinkeris.

6. That miniſteris aud Seſſionis vſe diligence in dealling with gentlemen and heretouris for erecting the civill Judicatorie appointted by Act of Parliament in everie parioche, and that the executioun of the Act of Parliament at Perth . . . . be vrged; which diligence everie Seſſioun buik is to bear, and Preſbitries to anſuer and give accompt to the nixt Synode for all the diligence of all paroches in thair boundis in this matter.

Anent promiſcous dancing.—1. That the Act of Aſſemblie be publictlie read in all churches quhair yet it is not read.

That the elderis of the quarter quhair the brydale is, tak notice of perſonis tranſgreſſing the ſaid act, and dilate them to the Seſſioun; and the Seſſioun are to call ſuch perſonis befoir them, and rebuik them for the firſt, and gif they be fund againe, to advyſe with the Preſbitrie anent the cenſure, as it is referrit to them by the Generall Aſſemblie.

Report.—Ane ſupplicatioun being given in be the huſbands and children of ſome wemen dilatit for witchcraft within the toun of Dyſert, the Synode appointis Mrs. Johne Duncan, James Sibbald, Walter Bruce, Colin Adame, and George Nairne, to conſider of it, and report thair judgement to the nixt Seſſioun.

Tryall of Expectants.—The Aſſemblie conſidering that many Expectants comes to noblemen and gentlemens houſes within this province, and vſes familie worſhip thair, without acquainting the Preſbitries thairwith;

thairfoir dois appoint, according to former actis, that everie Presbitrie tak notice of everie intrant in that kynd, and try thair qualificatioun, and also to look exactlie to thair cariage in the places they come to.

3 Aprilis, Sess. 4, post meridiem.

Anent the erecting of a Presbitrie in Kinros.—A supplicatioun being geven in be the Lordis of Burghlie, Balvaird, the Lairdis of Adie, Arnot, Kirknes, and sundrie vther considerable personis, continit in the supplicatioun, anent the erecting of a Presbitrie in Kinross, the Assemblie appointtis a comittee to perambulat the boundis, and to report the necessitie thairof to the nixt ensuing Generall Assemblie.

Anent recommendationis.—The Assemblie, regraitting that they are ovir burdenit with recommendationis for charitie to distrest personis be the Generall Assemblie, desyris that the Generall Assemblie wold be more spairing thairin in tyme coming.

Anent personis suspect of witchcraft.—The Committee appointtit for giveing thair judgement anent these that wer dilatit for witchcraft in Dysert, advyses the Presbitrie of Kirkcaldie to deall with the Counsell of Dysert for obtaining a commissioun to put the supplicantis to ane assysse.

Presbitrie of Dunfermline approven.—The Presbitrie of Dunfermline, being removit for censure, are approven. And becaus some informatioun was given to the Synode anent some superstitious rites vsit in the buriall of the late Laird of Fordell, the Presbitrie of Dunfermline are ordinit to inquyre thairanent. As also, desyris them to have a cair of the provisioun of the kirks of Sawling and Cleische.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT COUPER THE 15 SEPTEMBER, 1650.[1]

[Mr. James Wood chosen Moderator.]

At Couper, 15 October, 1650. Sess. 3, post meridiem.

Letter to his Majestie.—The Assemblie ordains thair reverend brethren,

[1] The Assemblie was adjourned to the 15th October, and thence to the 5th November.

Mrs. Andro Honyman, Hary Rymour, Williame Olyphant, Walter Greig, George Ogilvie, Andro Bennett, Dauid Forrett, miniſters, Sir James Melvil, and Mr. Robert Honeyman, rewling elders, to meit with the Moderatour for drawing of ane Letter to his Majeſtie, anent his late eſcape to the Malignants.

October 16.—The Letter writtin to his Majeſtie read publictlie, and approvin; and ordains ther reverend brethren Mrs. Andro Bennet, and Patrik Skougall, and Sir James Melvill, rewling elder, to preſent the ſamyne the morne, being the 17 October. And ſiclyke, to ſpeak with the Erle of Weyms anent his ſalt pans, gif they can meit with him at Perth.

November 6.—Mr. Patrik Scougall reportit, that he and Mr. Laurence Oliphant delyverit the Letter to his Majeſtie, quhilk wes verie graciouſlie acceptit of be his Hienes, with great thanks to the Aſſemblie; and a earneſt deſyre to pray for him nevir to fall in the lyke eſcape in joyning to the Malignants.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, MET AT DUNFERMLINE THE FIRST OF APRYLE 1651.[1]

[Mr. Johne Duncane choſen Moderatour.]

Change of mercats.—The Moderatour of Couper reports, that Auchtermuchtie and Falkland hes changit thair mercattis.

Hoſpitall of St. Leonards.—Ane ſupplicatioun being preſentit be James Eſpline, eleemoſinar of the hoſpitall of Saint Leonards, ſituat beſyde the burgh of Dunfermline, for himſelf, and in name of the widowes thairof, deſyring the charitie of the ſeverall Preſbitreis for reedifeing of the ſaid hoſpitall; the Aſſemblie recomends him to the charitie of the ſeverall Preſbitreis.

Conference with ſcrupling brethren.—The Aſſemblie recomends to the ſeverall Preſbitreis to deall in conference with thair ſcrupling and diſſenting brethren in all meiknes.

[1] This Assemblie was adjourned to meet at Kirkaldy on the 7 May.

AT KIRKALDIE, 7 MAII 1651.

Anent the conference that wes recomendit at the laſt Seſſioun of the Synode, to be had with thair brethren anent thair diſſenting from publict reſolutions, the ſeverall Preſbitreis being callit vpoun, did mak report as followes: Kirkaldie reports they mett, bot had done nothing as yitt. Dunfermline reports they mett and conferrit, but the conference wes not cloſit. Saintandrois reports they had onlie on brother that diſſentit; and the conference wes appoyntit, bot, the brother being ſeik, it held not. Couper reports they had onlie one brother that diſſentit, and that they had not mett.

Overtures.—The Comittee appoyntit to conſider of Overtures how Preſbitreis ſall carry themſelffs towards breethren that goes not along with the publict courſe of the Kirk, gave in the report of thair diligence, quhilk wes publictlie read, and condiſcendit to. The Overtures followes:

1. The Synode warnes the brethren, as regairding the authoritie of the Synode to deſyre thair help for clearing thair iudgment before they declare or reſolve peremptourlie, to informe thair people vtherwayes then according to the publict reſolutioun of the ſupreme judicatories of the Kirk.

2. That the ſeverall Preſbitreis doe with diligence goe about the conference with ſcrupling brethren, whither thair ſcruples be concerning the publict reſolutioun of the Kirk, or thair papers be, for proſequuting the ſamyne; and that brethren be dealt with all meiknes of wiſdom, with dew advyſdnes and deliberatioun.

3. That the ſeverall Preſbitreis, efter conference, tak ſome effectuall courſis for cauſing to be read in all the congregatiouns the publict papers enjoynt by the commiſſioun of the Generall Aſſemblie.

4. That brethren be exhorted, in the name of the Lord, to forbear hencefurth, in thair doctrine to the people, to preach contrair to the reſolutions of the publict judicatoreis, and thair concluſions for defence of the land; and gif any ſall contravein, that they be admoniſhit be the Preſbitreis; and gif efter admonitioun they continow, that they be referrit by the Preſbitreis to the Generall Aſſemblie.

5. That the ſeverall Preſbitreis tak notice of any brethren quho ather have, or ſhall, vnder pretence of ſpeaking for publict reſolutioun, reflect vpoun any of the former proceidings and principles of this Kirk in relatioun to the work of reformatioun; or ſhall vſe any ſpeeches, which are apt to be miſtaken and abuſed by profane ones againſt trew godlines and godlie perſones, which doe ſavour of malignancie.

6. That according to the acts of the Generall Aſſemblie, Preſbitreis tak ſpeciall notice of all expectants, gentlemens chaplaines, or theſe quhom they employ in going before thair familie in the worſhip of God, and of all pedagogues in thair bounds, trying both thair abilitie and thair integritie, [and to] cenſure ſuch of them who ſalbe fund detractors of the publict proceidings of the Church.

7. That Seſſions and Preſbitreis try thair ſeverall elderſchips, and efter paines taken to informe thair elders anent publict reſolutions, admoniſh and rebuik any quho ſalbe fund venting diſſafectionis, practiſing to the hinderance of the publict courſis for defence of the land.

Mr. David Dalgleiſche.—The Synode recomends to the Preſbitrie of Couper the tryall of theſe words, vſit be Mr. David Dalgleiſche in publict, wiz. 'Bliſſing of God for defeating the Weſt-cuntrie armie;' Item, 'Men can fight with men, bot quha can fight with triking harlotts?'

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fyffe, hauldine at Sainctandrois the 8 of Apryle 1652.[1]

[Mr. James Wood choſen Moderator.]

The Synode does appoynt the miniſters of St. Androis, and Mrs. of Divinitie, with Mrs. Dauid Forrett, Walter Comrie, and Patrik Skougall, miniſters, to draw up a ſhort and plaine explicatioun of theſe particular heads of divinitie, preſentit to the Synode in the forenoon, conteining the principall arguments for the treuth, and anſuers to the principall objections of the adverſaries againſt the ſamyne.

Letter from Mr. Robert Douglas.—The coppie of ane letter from Mr.

[1] No meeting of the Synod appears to have been held in Autumn 1651.

Robert Douglas and Mr. Andro Kerr, daitit Tour of London, 6 Apryle 1652, anent Trochrigs works, remittit to the conſideratioun of a committee.

Examination of the Preſbitrie Buiks continewit.—The Provinciall Aſſemblie being ſenſible of the great neceſſitie that all means lawfull be vſit for healling the diviſions that ar in this Kirk, and thairvpon, being maiſt willing to doe any thing, ſaving the preſervation of the government of the Kirk, quhich any way in appearence ſeim to be ane obſtruction of vnion, reſolves to forbear at this tym the examinatioun of the Preſbitrie buiks, until the nixt meiting of the Synode; with all declaring, that they doe approve and adhere to the conſtitution of the late Generall Aſſemblie, begun at St. Androis and continewit at Dundie, as a lawfull conſtitute Aſſemblie of this Kirk.

Diſſenters.—Mrs. Samuell [Rutherfurd,] Alexander Moncreiff, George Nairne, and William Olyphant, diſſents heirfra, and deſyrs thair diſſent to be markit. Mr. John M'Gill, younger, diſſents vpon the grund quhairin he diſſentit fra the Act of the Generall Aſſemblie, daitit at Couper the day of

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE THE 28 SEPTEMBER 1652.

[Mr. David Forret, Moderator.]

Supplicatioun Peeter Kennidy.—The Synod having receavit ane ſupplicatioun from Peeter Kennidie, ane blind ſchooler in Dunfermling, deſyring thair chiritie for his intertainment and learning at one of the Colledges of Sainctandrois; the Synode hes condiſcendit to give to him ffourtie ſhillings out of everie kirk of the province ovirhead; and appoynts thair reverend brethren following, to receave the ſaid collectioun, viz. for Dunfermline Preſbitrie, the miniſters thairof; ffor St. Androis, Mr. Andro Honyman; ffor Couper, Mr. George Thomſone; and ffor Kirkaldie, Mr. Kenneth Logie.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE THE . . DAY OF APRYLE, 1655.[1]

[Mr. James Wood, Moderator.]

July 5. *Sess.* 4.

Causes of a solemne humiliatioun and fast to be keept the 22 of July in all the congregatiouns of the province of Fyffe.

1. The great and generall contempt of the grace of the gospell; the conversatioun of many of the professors not being as becometh the gospell.

2. The sad afflictioun of the reformit Churches abrod, and the great danger of the trew religioun establischt among us.

3. The increas of poperie in severall pairts of the land, and the coming in of seducers to draw away vnstable soules from the treuth of the gospell.

4. The many abominable sinnes, as contempt and mocking of pietie, gros vncleannes, intemperance, breach of Sabbath, sueiring, iniustice, murmuring against God, abounding, quhill wee are vnder the Lords afflicting hand.

5. The iudgment-lyke vnseasonablenes of the yeir.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT SAINCTANDROIS 26 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1655.

[Mr. Andro Honyman, Moderator.]

Promiscuous dancing.—The double of the Synods act anent promiscuous dancing, to be sent to the severall Presbitries, and recommends to the Presbitries to sie it put in executioun.

Anent mariage of wemen quhois men hes bein amissing.—The Presbitrie of Couper having sought advyce, Quhat they sould doe in the cais of thes wemen quhois husbands hes been amissing since Dunbar or Worster, de-

[1] This meeting was adjourned till July 3, to meet at Cuper. The previous minutes of meetings from 1652 contain nothing of general interest.

ſyring to be mariet with other men? The Synode thinks, that miniſters ſould not proceid to marie wemen in that cais without produ&tioun of clear evidences of thair huſbands death, or the ſentence of the civile judge competent in ſuch caiſſis.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fyffe, hauldin at Kirkaldie the last day of September 1656.

[Mr. Robert Bennett, Moderatour.]

[Mr. Johne Edmeſtoun, miniſter at Kilmadock, correſpondent from Perthſhire.]

Supplicatioun Kingorne.—Thair being preſentit to the Synode, ane reference from the Preſbitrie of Kirkaldie, togidder with ane ſupplicatioun from the Toun counſele and Kirk ſeſſion of Kingorne, anent the great prejudice the ſaid Toun hed ſuſtenit by the late ſtorme in demoliſching the harbours, both in thair Toun and Petticur, and lykwyes in breaking in vpon thair kirk-zaird dyks, to the hazarding of the los and vndermyning of thair Kirk; the Synode finding the ſamyne to be treuth, and taking it to thair ſerious conſideratioun, vpon verie good ground, did vnanimouſlie recommend to the ſeverall Preſbitries within the province of Fyffe, to contribute for the ſame.

Anent theſe that are fallen to Anabaptiſme.—Quhairas, thair wes ane reference from the Preſbitrie of Couper to the Synode for advyce, Quhat cours ſould be taken with ſuch as are fallen away to Anabaptiſme? the Synode advyſes Mr. Johne Makgill younger, in quhos congregatioun they are, to proceid with them according to the ordour of the Church in ſuch caiſſis.

The Provinciall Assemblie of Fyffe mett at Sainctandro, 7 Apryle 1657.

The Roll of the Miniſters and Rewling Elders are cittit according to the ordour, quhos names followes:

The Presbitrie of St. Andro.

Sainctandro.	Mr. Robert Blair. Mr. Samuel Rutherfurd. Mr. James Wood. Mr. Andro Honyman. Doctor Colvill.	Andro Carftaires.
St. Leonards.	Mr. Walter Comrie.	Rector of the Univerfitie.
Camroun.	Mr. Alexander Wilfoun.	David Balfoure, ab.
Dyninnow.	Mr. Alex. Wduart [Edward.]	Martine Corftorphine, ab.
Kingifbarnes.	Mr. James Bruce.	Johne Brig, ab.
Kilrinny.	Mr. Robert Bennett.	James Broun.
Craill.	Mr. James Sharp.	
Anftruther-Eifter.	Mr. Colin Adame.	Johne Lyndfay.
Anftruther-Weft.	Mr. David Guthrie.	Johne Livingftoun.
Pittenweime.	Mr. George Hamiltoun.	George Smyth.
Abercrombie.	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	
Carnbie.	Mr. Hary Rymour.	Johne Hendirfone.
Kilconquhair.	Mr. David Forrett.	Kincraig.
Ellie.	Mr. Robert Weyms.	William Peirfoun.
Newburne.		
Largo.	Mr. James M'Gill.	George Mowtray.
Kembok.	Mr. Johne Wardlaw.	Laird of Brathanes.
Forgoun.	Mr. Alex. Wedderburne.	Johne Wilfone.
Ferrieportnacraig.	Mr. William Vilant.	Hary Paterfone.
Leuchars.	Mr. Patrik Skougall.	Johne Meldrum.

The Presbitrie of Couper.

Couper.	Mr. John M'Gill younger.	
Dairfie.	Mr. David Raitt, ab. feik.	
Syrus.	Mr. William Row.	William Melvill.

Cults.	Mr. George Difchingtoun.	William Daw.
Ketles.	Mr. John Ramfay.	Ramorny.
Falkland.	Mr. Willian Livingftoun.	Johne Bell.
Stramiglo.	Mr. John Rig.	Corftoun.
Auchtermuchtie.	Mr. James Martine.	David Arnott.
Culeffie.	Mr. Johne Litljohne.	
Monymaill.	Mr. David Orme.	Rankellour.
Abdie.	Mr. Alexander Balfoure.	Woodmilne.
Newburgh.	Mr. Laurence Olyphant.	George Orme.
Flifk.	Mr. Johnne M'Gill elder.	
Dunboig.		
Creigh.	Mr. Johne Alexander.	George Stirk.
Balmerino.	Mr. Walter Greig.	
Kilmanie.	Mr. George Thomfoun.	William Myles.
Logie.	Mr. Harie Pitcairne.	William Bell.
Munfie.	Mr. James Wedderburne.	James Hedrig.

The Presbitrie of Kirkaldie.

Kirkaldie Toun.	Mr. James Symfone. Mr. Kenneth Logie.	David Ferguſone.
Landwart thairof.	Mr. Pat. Weyms, ab. feik.	
Auchtirderay.	Mr. Johne Chalmers.	George Brig.
Kingorne.	Mr. Jofhua Meldrum.	Robert Cuninghame.
Bruntiland.	Mr. George Nairne.	
Auchtirtule.	Mr. Andro Walker.	David Betfoun.
Kinglaffie.	Mr. Thomas Melvill.	Cafkeberrian.
Ballingrie.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	James Scrymgour.
Portmoig.	Mr. George Ogilvie.	Robert Ogilvie.
Leflie.	Mr. Thomas Blak.	Thomas Robertfone.
Markinch.	Mr. Fredrik Carmichall.	
Kennowie.	Mr. Robert Merffer.	
Skuny.	Mr. Alexander Moncreiff.	
Weyms.	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	Walter Nairne.

Dyſart.	Mr. James Wilſone. Mr. Robert Honyman.	

The Presbitrie of Dunfermline.

Dunfermline.	Mr. Robert Kay. Mr. William Olyphant.	William Walker.
Baith.	Mr. Hary Smyth.	John McKe.
Aberdour.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	
Dalgatie.	Mr. Andro Donaldſone.	Robert Anderſone.
Innerkething.	Mr. Walter Bruce.	Robert Cant.
Torriebarne.	Mr. James Sibbald.	
Culroſs.	Mr. Robert Edmeſtoun. Mr. Mathew Flemyng.	William Bruce.
Carnok.	Mr. George Belfrage.	
Sawline.	Mr. James Olyphant.	
Cleiſche.	Mr. James Halkſtoun.	John Symſone.
Kinroſs.	Mr. George Colden.	John Steidman.
Wruell.	Mr. Johne Gray.	

[Mr. James Wood choſen Moderator.]

[Mr. James Grahme, miniſter at Glendovan, correſpondent for Perthſhyre, and Mr. Johne Raitt, miniſter, for Angus and Mearns.]

Petitioun for St. Androis.—A petitioun preſentit by the Magiſtratis of Sainctandrois in name of the whole inhabitantis of the cittie, deſyring a recomendatioun for a charitable aſſiſtance from the kirks of this province, towards the repairing of thair harbour and ſtone bridge, ruined by the ſtorme in winter 1655.

Pittenweyme.—Ane vther petitioun from the toun of Pittenweyme, deſyring a recomendatioun for the lyke charitable aſſiſtance towards the reparatioun of thair harbour, ruined by the ſaid ſtorme.

Ferrie Portnacraig.—Ane vther petitioun from the toun of Ferrie Portnacraig, ffor charitable aſſiſtance for helping them to the raiſing vp of ſome

ffence to preſerve thair toun from the invndatioun of the ſea, by which ane great pairt of the ſaid toun is in hazard to be waſchin away.

Anent Anabaptiſts.—The Preſbitrie of Couper having repreſentit to the Synod, that ſome Anabaptiſts in the paroche of Couper, ſumtymes memberis of the ſaid paroche, being oftymes callit, according to the ordour of the former Provinciall, to appear before the ſaid Preſbitrie, at laſt appearit; bot ſtill deteining and avowing thair errours: And that heirvpon ſome brethren wer appoyntit by the Preſbitrie to confer with them, quho ſeverall tymes did confer with them, till, at laſt, they refuſed conference altogidder. And the Preſbitrie, requiring advyce fra the Synode, quhat further ſould be done in ordour to reclaime the ſaidis perſones, the Synode, alſo finding, vpon enquyrie maid to the brethren of the ſaid Preſbitrie, that theſe perſones vſes diligence to ſeduce vtheris into the ſame errour, thinks fitt and recomends to the Preſbitrie of Couper, that they ſhall yit call the perſones forſaidis to further conference; and they refuſing, to proceid againſt them to the higheſt eccleſiaſtick cenſure, according to the ordour and ſteps of procedour vſuall in this Church.

Preſbitrie of Couper removit for cenſure.—The Preſbitrie of Couper being removit for cenſure, and callit in againe, it wes recomendit to them, firſt, that they ſould have a care of thair Regiſter.[1]

Maters recommendit to them.—Secondlie, that they will endevour by all meanes ane peaciable cariage of thair affairs, and to ſhun by all means entring of proteſtatiouns about maters of ſmaller importance, quhairin thair is difference of judgement amongſt them. And that, for interteinment of kyndlineſs amongſt them, they will tak thair refreſchment togidder the day of thair Preſbiteriall meiting efter the diſſolving thairof. Thridlie, that in regaird it is reportit to the Synode, that thair brother Mr. David Orme is ſomequhat diſtractit in his calling, by labouring of land without his paroche, that they will mak enquyrie gif thair be any ſuch thing, and report thair diligence to the next Synode. In cæteris, approvin.

[1] It was found that the Register of Cupar "is writtin with verie small writt, that it is hardlie legible, with base ink for the most pairt, and without a competent margine, and in verie many places interlyned; quhilk last cannot but render a register suspect, and weaken the faith of it."

ST. ANDROIS, NOVEMBER 18, 1662.

According to the appointment of the Lord Archbiſchop and Synod, the Committee appointed to receive and viſit the Preſbitrie and Synodal Buiks within the Diocy, mett, viz. the Archdean, who moderated in the meeting, Dr. Colvill, Dr. Comrie, Mrs. Alexander Balfour, Silveſter Lamie, Robert Eduard, George Ogilvie, Alexander Eduard. A letter of excuſe from Mr. John Barclay, another from Mr. George Pittillok.

Books preſented.—Preſbitrie book of Dunfermline, 2 vol. from 15 . . to 1661; Preſbitrie of Mernes, in 2 vol. from 1624 to 1661; Synodal Book of Angus and Merns, 1 vol. fra 1639 to 165 .; Preſbitrie of Dundee, 2 vol. fra 1597 to 1660; Preſbitrie of Arbroth, 3 vol. from 1639 to 1661; Preſbitrie of Forfar, 1 vol. from 1650 to 1660; Preſbitrie of Kirkcaldy, 1 vol. from 1630 to 1653; Preſbitrie of Cuper, 1 vol. fra 1646 to 1660; Synodal book of Fyff, 2 vol. fra 1639 to 1660; Preſbitrie of Perth, 2 vol. the 1 fra 1618 to 1647, the next fra 1647 to 1661.

Ther was a letter from the Biſhop of Dunkell preſented to the Committee, ſhewing, that he had ſpoken with the Archbiſhop anent the Preſbitrie book of Megil. The Committee, advyſing what was fitteſt to be done in that which was committed to them, thought fitt, ſeing ther wer ſeveral books not yet ſent in, to adjourn ther meeting.

ST. ANDROIS, 27 OCTOBER 1663.

Againſt the profanation of the Sabboth.—The Archbiſhop and Synod, hearing of the gryt profanation of the Sabbath, by peoples travelling on the Lords day, doe appoint each miniſter in his ſeveral charge, to look more narrowlie to this, and eſpecially, that miniſters in burghs deal with the magiſtrats for reſtraining that ſin.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 APRIL 1664.

Mr. H. Rymor and G. Baverich depoſed.—Mr. Hary Rymor at Carnbie, and Mr. George Baverich at Carnok, having been at the laſt Synod ſuſ-

pendit from their miniſtry, according to the law, and no application being made by them to the Lord Archbiſhop or Synod, the Lord Archbiſhop and Synod, finding the law clear, as alſo their contravention to the ſame, do depoſe them from the function of the holy miniſtry; and the intimation of this ſentence is to be made to them as the Lord Archbiſhop ſees opportunity.

Anent the mantenance of Vniuerſities.—The Lord Archbiſhop did communicat to the brethren of the Synod his Majeſties letter to the Biſhops, anent the additional proviſion to the mantenance of Vniverſities, allowit to them by the act of the late Parliament; wherin his Majeſty ſeriouſlie recommends to the Biſhops that they may labour in their ſeveral Synods that the foreſaid act may be made effectual for ſuch a pious end. In order wherunto it is appointed, that the Moderators of the ſeveral Exerciſes ſend in to the Lord Archbiſhop, between this and the 1ſt of Auguſt, the valuation of the ſeveral ſtipends and viccarrages, ſubſcryvit be the miniſters of the ſeveral parioches; and it is thought moſt equitable that the chalder of victuall, enduring thes years mentioned in the act, be valued at ane hundreth marks.

St. Androis, 5 October, 1664.

Mantenance for Miniſter of Arngoſk.—The Biſhop[1] and Synod being informed of the mean proviſion of Mr. George Moncreiff, miniſter at Arngoſk, that it is but 350 merks, and knowing the difficultie how he may be helpit, doe recommend his caſe to the Lords of the Commiſſion for plantation of kirks for augmentation.

Bridge of Dey.—The Biſhop and Synod leaves the collection for the bridge of Dey to the Lord Archbiſhop at his return.

St. Androis, October 5, 1665.

Robert Small.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod, taking to their conſideration that reference concerning Robert Small, and finding that the

[1] Andrew, Bishop of Orkney, presided at this meeting in absence of the Archbishop.

brethren of Megil had done nothing in it, appoint that the brethren of Dunfermlin, and whofoever els have anie evidence of divination or vnlawful meanes of healing difeafes, and finding that which is lofed or ftollen, ufed be that man, that they fend them to the brethren of Megil between this and the nixt Synod; as alfo, that the people who feek to him in thefe vnlawful wayes, be challengit be their minifters, and cenfured accordinglie.

Anent fchole mafters pædagogues, etc.—The Lord Archbifhop and Synod appoint, that the Prefbitries put in execution that former act relating to fchole mafters, chaplaines, and pædagogues, that none be admittit to officiat within their bounds bot thefe who are warranted be my Lord Archbifhops licenfe.

Harbour of Kilburn.—The fupplication of David Boil of Kilburn, for charitable contribution for the reparation of the harbour of Kilburn, is delayit to the nixt Synod.

ST. ANDROIS, APRIL 25, 1666.

Robert Small.—As concerning that reference relating to Robert Smal, the brethren appointed to conferr with him, viz. Mrs. Walter Bruce, Robert Honiman, John Auchinlek, and David Patoun, reported that by his own confeffion, they find him guiltie of drunkennes, of prevarication, and of pretending fkill in divining wher ftollen goods are to be found, although reallie he hath none, and of abufing of the name of God in his papirs given out for finding of thefe ftollen goods; and finds him fenfible of his fin, and forrie for it, promifing, throw God's grace, never to do the like againe. The Lord Archbifhop and Synod appoint, that he appear before fome congregation within the Prefbitry of Megil, confes his fin, and profeffe his repentance for it, and engadge himfelf to doe no more fo; and this be intimate to all the congregations within the Prefbitry: which the faid Robert acquiefced vnto, and promifed to do, whenever he fould be appointed be the Prefbitry of Megil.

Anent John Auchterlonie, adulterer.—As for that woman wha lay in adultery with John Auchterlonie, and was deprehendit in the bed with him, the woman being in firmance in Arbroth, the brethren ar appointed to

goe on agains her with the hieſt cenſures of the Kirk; and the man being in the hand of the Magiſtrates of Dundee, the brethren of that Preſbitry are to ſpeak the magiſtrates, that he be lookt vnto as one guiltie of ſuch a ſin ought to be.

If ther be anie perſone inclining to Poperie or Quakeriſm they ar to be delated to the Lord Archbiſhop, that a courſe may be taken with them.

Moderators are to take notice of the vniformity of miniſters in their practiſe of cauſing the Creed to be recited at baptiſmes, and of ſinging of the Doxologie, and of making uſe of the Lords Prayer in publik.

St. Androis, October 3, 1666.

John Auchterlony, adulterer.—The brethren of Arbroth declared, that the woman with whom John Auchterlonie fell in adultery, was ſent away to Barbadoes.

St. Androis, 1 October, 1667.

The regiſter of miniſters ſtipends, etc.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod appoint, that the rights of miniſters ſtipends, the condition of ther manſes, free or affected with burden; alſo, that all mortifications (within the reſpective pariſhes) whither to kirks, ſchools, or hoſpitals, and the proviſion of the burſars of Theologie, be regiſtrat in a particular book within each Preſbitrie; which book is to be brought to the nixt Synod be the ſeveral Moderators. Alſo they appoint that the burſars of Theologie ſtay at leaſt ſix months in the New Colledge every year, and that miniſters be careful to pay them in due tyme; which payment is to be noted in the Preſbitry book.

The Miniſter of Fetteresſo is appointed to go on with the cenſures of the Kirk agains the Quakers within his parioch, and that he cite them; and if they be not reclaimed, that he proceed to the higheſt cenſures of the Kirk in due manner.

Communion.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod appoint that the Communion be given in each church at leaſt once in the year, at a con-

venient time about the end of March, or in April; and this is to be markit in the Preſbitry book.

ST. ANDROIS, 1 APRIL 1668.

Depoſition of Mr. George Diſhington.—The Lord Archbiſhop declaired, that he had ſent the ſentence of depoſition to Mr. George Diſhingtoun, according to the act of the former Synod.

Depoſition of Mr. Robert Edmiſtoun.—The Lord Archbiſhop declaired, that he had keept a viſitation at Dunfermling, and that he had, upon good grounds, depoſed Mr. Robert Edmiſtoun, miniſter at Culros. As for Maſter Mathew Fleeming, his colleige, the Archbiſhop delayit to proceed agains him, ſeing ther wer ſome hopes of gaining him; and for that end Mrs. Walter Bruce, William Peirſon, John Shaw, ar appointed to tell him that he is noticed that he hes not ioyned with his brethren of the Preſbitry.

ST. ANDREWS, 21 APRIL 1669.

Quakers in Mernes.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod being informit that in the Merns, in the pariſh of Fetteresſo, ar keept ſeveral conventicles, and that ſome of thes perſons interrupt ſome miniſters in the time of publik worſhip, and that they ſpeak reproachfullie of miniſters, the paſtors ther ar adviſed to be diligent in watching over ther flocks, and guarding them agains thes errors, and wait till a courſe be taken be the magiſtrat with theſe diſorderly perſons.

Supplication of the burgh of Kirkcaldie.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod taking to ther conſideration the ſupplication of the magiſtrats and toun counſell of the burgh of Kirkcaldie, for a collection to the building of a new harbour of the ſaid burgh, which work was interrupted throw the troubles of the time; they grant the ſaid ſupplication, provyding the petitioners find ſecurity that what money is collected for that end, and deliverit to them, ſall be expendit on the ſaid work; and appoint that all the miniſters within the dioces collect for the ſaid harbour as ſoon as conveniently they may.

That miniſters preach tuiſe each Sabboth.—The Moderators are to enquire of all miniſters within ther bounds, if they preach tuiſe everie Sabboth, and if they ordinarlie keep home.

St. Androis, 6 October 1669.

Collection for Cupar.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod having a ſupplication befor them from the toun of Cupar, preſented befor them, wherin they ſupplicat, that a charitable contribution may be granted vnto them, throughout all the pariſh churches of the dioces, in regaird that upon the . . day of April laſt, a fire brake out accidentallie in the ſaid toun, about one after midnight, and deſtroyit about 20 conſiderable families, quyte ruined ther whole houſes, and brought the ſaids perſons to great ſtraits; therfor, the ſaids petitioners having obteined an act of his Majeſties Secret Counſel, for a voluntar contribution to the ſupplie of the ſaids perſons, throughout all the touns and pariſhes of the ſhires of Fife, the three Lowthians, Merce, Perth, and Angus, the Lord Archbiſhop and Synod, conſidering the premiſſes, appoint that a charitable contribution be collected throughout all the pariſh churches within the dioces of St. Androis, and that betueen this and Candlemes nixt that collection be gone about and endit: Provyding alway, that the magiſtrats of Cupar appoint faithful and honeſt men to receive the ſame from the ſeverall Moderators of the Preſbitries, and to ſee that the ſame be faithfullie diſtribut to the perſons damnified be that fire, at the ſight of the Magiſtrats and Miniſters, as they will be anſwerable to the Lords of his Majeſties Secret Councel.

Contribution for toun of Kilmarnock.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod having a ſupplication preſented befor them from the inhabitants of the toun of Kilmarnock, that wheras upon the 22 May 1668, the whole toun was burnt into aſhes by a violent fire that broke out accidentallie, and about 120 families wer caſt out of all habitation, and brought to povertie and beggarie: whervpon the petitioners, having preſented ther deplorable condition to the Lords of his Majeſties Privie Councel, had an act of the ſaids Lords in ther favours, recommending them to the Archbiſhop and Biſhops for a charitable contribution toward ther releif. The Lord Arch-

biſhop and Synod, taking the petition to ther conſideration, do appoint all miniſters within this dioces to go about the ſaid collection immediately after they have collected for Cupar.

ST. ANDROIS, 13 APRIL 1670.

Collection for the Incorporation of the Scotes at London.—The Lord Archbiſhop repreſented to the Synod, that the Commiſſioner his grace, ſitting in Parliament, ſhowit the expediencie of a charitable collection to be gathered throughout this whol kingdome, in favours of the Incorporation erected in London, for releif of Scotſmen ther brought low and impoueriſhed. The Archbiſhop and Synod iudge this moſt reaſonable, and think that it ſhould be collected be miniſters in burghs at peoples houſes, and that miniſters in landuard ſould go to gentlemens houſes and get ther collection, and that it be written doun in a book what each perſon gives.

Collection for Dundee.—[Anent] the act of Parliament in favours of the burgh of Dundee, for a voluntar contribution to the repairing of ther harbor, and gryt loſſe of ſhips, throw the gryt ſtorme in October 1668, the Archbiſhop and Synod reſolue to take this to ther conſideration, and to appoint a time for that collection.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 OCTOBER 1670.

Perſons marrying diſorderlie.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod, being informed that ſome perſons go to the Border and marrie ther, conteming the ordor of the Church, judge that they ſould be delated to the civil magiſtrat, that they may be fined according to law; and that they be put to a publik declaration of ther repentance, and be ſuſpendit from the ſacrament for violating of the order of the Church; and that miniſters be careful to give in the names of ſuch perſons at the nixt meeting of the Synod, and what they haue done in ther cenſure.

ST. ANDROIS, 3 MAII, 1671.

Supplication of Dundee, Kilrynnie, St. Minnance.—The ſupplication of

the burghs of Dundee, Kilrynnie, and St. Minnance, for contributions to the repairing of ther harbours, are to be taken into confideration in due tyme.

Act againft withdrawing from publik ordinance, fpeciallie of baptifm.—Among the many finful diftempers which ar fo prevalent in thefe times, there is none more apt and powerful to caus a decay of godlines, and to hinder the growth and advancement therof, then a voluntar and vnneceffar feceffion from the Communion of the Church, in the publik and vifible fervice of God, and the violation and difturbance of peace and order; and becaus this fo hurtful and pernicious fin is become fo powerful in many as to caus them withdraw not only from the publik Affembly, wher God is worfhipped in treuth and purity, bot obftinately to withdraw ther children from the benefit of baptifme; wherby, under pretext of fcruple and tendernes of confcience, they giue fad evidences of a high contempt of the ordinances of Chrift, and of the authoritie and conftitution of this Church, by renouncing all communion therwith: Therfor, for the preventing of a fin fo deftructive to pietie and loue, and for the vindication of the authority of the Church, it is appointed and ordained by the Archbifhop and Synod, that all perfons who perfift in ther wilful feparation from the ordinances of Chrift, in the publik and allowed Affemblies of this Church, and refufe to bring ther children to be baptifed by the orderlie and approven minifters therof, that they be proceedit againft with the hieft cenfures of Church, if, after all meanes ufed for ther reclaiming, they continue ftill ftubborn and contumacious.

St. Androis, 9 October 1672.

William Spark.—Anent William Spark quaker, in the parioch of Dunotter, the moderator of Merns declairit, that ther was no hope of gaining him, and that the procefs agains him was at a clofe. Alfo he fhew that Quakerifm is not fpreading in ther fields. The Lord Archbifhop and Synod think that the pronouncing of the fentence agains him is to be delayit.

Laird of Gormock.—Anent the Laird of Gormok younger, the Lord Archbifhop and Synod think that his proces is to be continued in the cafe it is in, feing that the old lady and the reft of this familie keep the Church.

Chaplaines and Scholemaſters.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod, being informed that ſeveral chaplaines and ſcholemaſters, diſaffected to the government of the Church, doe, by ther lecturing and conventicling, alienat ſeveral perſons from that peacable ſubmiſſion to ther paſtors, and the attendance on the publik worſhip of God, as becometh them; therfor the Lord Archbiſhop and Synod appoint that the ſeveral Preſbitries take notice of ſuch perſons, and that they give in ther names at the nixt Synod, that none officiat in ſuch ſtations without licence.

ST. ANDROIS, APRIL 29, 1674.

Repreſentation of the grivances of the Kirk to the Lords of the Secret Councel.—The Lord Archbiſhop and brethren of the privie conference, conſidering the encreaſe of the many diſorders under which the Church, particularly in this dioceſs, does ſadly labour, did appoint ſome of ther number to conſider the beſt expedient for the remedy and redreſs of the ſame: Therefore, after ſerious and mature deliberation, did judge that a repreſentation of the evill of theſe diſorders unto the Lords of his Majeſties Privie Council, by the mediation of the Lord Archbiſhop, would be the moſt proper and effectual mean that yet hath been uſed for the cure of them: Which Overtures were given in and accepted be the conference to be conſidered be the Synod, which, being ſeveral times read, were unanimouſly approven, and ordained to be put in forme, and delivered into the Lord Archbiſhop his hand. The tenour whereof followes:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

WE have always judged it not only our great duty, but also our chief joy and confidence, in all the changes of time, to approve ourselves unto God, in a faithfull discharge of the ministry of his Son, committed unto us; and though the worke and service of the Gospell hath no need of the countenance and favour of men when God is pleased by himself to make it honourable and successfull, yet we have accounted the patrocinie and protection which we enjoy, by the authority and goodness of our gracious Soveraign, to be one of the greatest comforts of our life, and the best security we haue amongst men of our Ministry, and of the rights and priviledges of Religion; which blessing as we desire to value and acknowledge according to the great worth and merite of it, so we have endeavoured, in the stations wherein we are placed, to witness and expresse the same in all places, and at all times, when and where we had oppor-

tunitie. In this comportment, under the serenitie and sweetness of his Majesties gracious protection, we have lived to our very great contentment and encouragement in the service of the Gospell; till of late, some persons of implacable enmity against the order and peace of this Church, (the roughness and rancour of whose spirit does contemne all the lenities that are used for the smoothing and sweeting of it), have presumed to abuse the mercy and indulgence of our Soveraign, unto the acting of als high insolencies against the worship and publick service of God his ministers who serve at his altar, and the discipline he hes instituted for the discountenance and overthrow of vice, and for keeping his Church in purity and peace, as ever have been suffered by any who have lived under the direction of so wholesom and good laws, and the bounty and mercy of so gracious a Prince. If it had been our own and personal concernment which only is violated by these disorders, we are taught, by the laws and example of our blessed Saviour, in humbleness and silent possession of our souls, to endure them; but seing it is visible to all, but to those who will not see, that the design of these actings is not so much against our persons and private interests, (whose meanness may be security enough against the envy and pride of any), as against our ministry, and the worke of the Gospell in our hands, against our subjection unto the present government of the Church, and the chief rulers thereof, against our obedience unto the Laws of the kingdom, which condemne the disloyall practises of bygone times, which these who hate us have espoused to themselves as undisputable principles of zeal and affection to God and his truth.

The state of things being thus in the time, we could not be patient of the affronts done to our holy office, and of the invasion made upon our rights, as the lawfull ministeris of this Church, without making our just resentments known to those honourable persons whose office and inclinations (we are confident) does oblidge unto a perfect abhorrence of all such irregular abuses, and does make them prompt and ready to hear our just complaints, and do what in their wisdom they judge most necessary and seasonable for the speedy and effectuall removing, or at least for hindring the further spreading of the evills we complain of. And because we cannot approach these noble persons, who are to hear and cognosce upon the truth and importance of these things we are grieved with, by the mediation of one more nearly concerned in us, and more affectionate toward the interest of Religion in this Church than your Lordships self, we have been bold to open our hearts unto your Grace, in an enumeration of some of these enormities which will prove infalliblie the just reason that we have to complain, on purpose that your Grace may communicate the same to their Lordships. And we do hereby humbly entreat your Grace, according to the eminencie of your place and office in the Church, for the sake of Jesus, whose servants and ministers we are, and in pitie to this poor and distressed Church, that your Lordship would be pleased to present in our name this our complaint unto the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council, that they may move for the redress of these evills which press us so sore, what way their Lordships thinks most proper, and most likly to take effect.

These iniquities and abuses are especially these following:

First, The growth and encrease of Popery by the diligence and boldness of traffiqueing Papists, to the seducing ignorant and unstable people unto idolatry and superstition; together with the defection of some unto Quakerism.

Secondly, The open and almost avowed contempt that is cast upon the publick and solemne worship of God, by deserting the publick assemblies of the Church established by law for the service of God, not onlie through a simple and negative secession from the communion of this Church, but also by a frequent and open assembling together of multituds in the fields and private houses, in a direct and stated opposition unto the lawful assemblies of this Church. It is also aggravated by severall disorderly clandestine marriages; likeas by the impudent and wilfull refusall of delinquents to submitt unto the just censures of this Church, for scandalous miscarriages, condemned by the Word of God and laws of this kingdom; by the licentiousness of persons openly profane, which may and are encouraged by this example; by the unheard of intrusion into, and invading the pulpits of the godly and orderly ministers of this Church; and by the barbarous profanation of places dedicate to the service of God.

Thirdly, The open and ordinary profanation of the Lords day by persons, who, pretending necessary dispatch of business, do cause great disturbance in the several parishes through which the common road lyeth, by threatning and forcing hirers of horse, boatmen, and other people, to serve their wordly lusts and designs. As also, by the travelling of multituds of people on the Lords day to Conventicles at a great distance.

This being the sad posture the state and affairs that this Church, and that part of it wherein we labour, is in, we could no longer forbear from craving the assistance which the law of God does allow us, and benevolence and fatherly care of our gracious Soveraign does invite and command us to call for as often as we stand in need, and do hereby, and by your Graces mediation and earnest intercession, beg that the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council would be pleased to examine the truth of the particulars above mentioned, and proceed accordingly against the course and torrent of these abuses, as they in wisdom judge most convenient, to remove the danger that the Protestant religion is in, of being, as it were, a deludge of errour, schism, profanity, and atheism; and to vindicate the autority and honour of our Ministry from the fury and barbarity of those whose actings declare them implacable toward our persons, and irreconciliable uuto the peace and order of this Church, that we may be encouraged in our stations, so to behave in all the conduct of our affairs, as it may never repent his Majestie or their Lordships of the favour and protection they have graciously granted unto us, and the afflicted Church whereof we are ministers and members.

ST. ANDREWS, APRIL 14, 1675.

The minifter of Monifuith declared, that if Communion cups, ftoups, bafin, and communion cloaths, mortified be the Lady of Grange, be not fecured, he will purfue the Laird of Grange before the civil judge. [1]

[1] Jean Auchterlony, Lady of Grange, mortified £100 Scots yearly "for the schole maister, poor scholars, and other poor of the parish of Monifuith; beside which, the said Lady of Grange did also mortifie and dedicat for the use of the parish, two large siluer cups, tuo tinne basins, tuo large tinne stoups, and linnen cloaths for the comely administration of the sacrament of the Lords Supper."

Mr. John Rait, minister at Innerkillar, representing to the Synod the condition of the fabrick of that church, how it wanted a bell, and seats for the peoples accommodation, and that there was no better way for the repairing thereof then to divide the church among the heretors, that every one may have his own proportional place and room to be repaired and maintained according to their severall divisions; and that it was most expedient that the Presbitry of Arbroth should be assistant in the dividing of the foresaid church: Therefore it is appointed, and power given to the Presbitry of Arbroth to meet at the church of Innerkilor upon Mr. John Raits advertisement, at any time betuixt this and the next Synod, and there, with consent of the heretours, to divide the fabrick of the forsaid church amongst them, that the edifice may be repaired, a bell provided, and convenient desks and seats set up for the accommodation of the people.

St. Androis, 5 April 1676.

Act against Separatists.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod finding that, after al tender and fair means that have been used to prevent and redress the horrid disorders that haue entred into this Church, that several persons, in despit of all the patience and forbearance that hath been used towards them, haue proceedit to that height of contumacie and contempt of the government and ministrie of this Church, as either not to baptise, or to procure disorderlie baptisme to ther children, and haue obtained marriages from persons that are professit enemies to the peace and order of this Church; Therfor, the Lord Archbishop and Synod do appoint the ministers in whose parioches thes persons, who are thus guiltie, are found, to delate them to the Presbitrie, and that the Presbitrie instantly proceed against them in order to the highest censure of the Church. And also, that all these who are constant or customarie withdrawers from the publick ordinancies or worship of God in ther own parioches, and who, after all fair meanes used for ther reclaiming, continue contumacious to the order and disciplin of this Church, that the Presbitrie proceed against them in order to the highest censures of the Church; and record their diligence heirin in the Presbitrie book, that the visitors may report the same to the

Lord Archbiſhop and Sinod, that they iudge heirof as they think expedient; and if ane brother obey not this act, his name is to be delated to the Lord Archbiſhop and Sinod.

Privie cenſure.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Sinod taking to their conſideration, that the privie cenſure in Preſbitries may be gone about too overlie, therfor they haue appointed, that, on the day of privie cenſure, theſe following interrogatories ſal be gravelie and ſerioufly propoſed to everie miniſter. 1. If he be diligent in prayer and reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in ſuch ſtudies as help to the knowledge therof, and ſerve for purifying the heart, and inkindling in the ſoul a holie zeal and diligence in his employment, and for right ordering of his converſation. 2. If he uſe all faithful diligence to diſentangle himſelf of euerie thing which vnfitt him for the diſcharge of his miniſtrie, ſpeciallie from exceſſiue wordlie cares and diſtractive employments. 3. If he ſo order his familie and euerie perſon therin, as much as in him lyes, as that they may be exemplar to ſuch as behold ther converſation. 4. If he mantein and ſet forward, as much as lyes in him, quyetnes, peace, and loue among his brethren and al people, ſpeciallie among them who ar committed to his charge. Each miniſter being thus interrogat, and removed therafter, the Moderator ſall aſk the reſt of the Preſbitrie, if anie thing be knowen to anie of them of the brother or brethren removed, which they think fitt to be imparted to the Preſbitrie: And heir he is to enquire anent the giving of the Communion. After this the Moderator is, in a few words, to exhort all to faithfulnes and diligence in all the parts of ther office, and that they be ſo faithful and freindlie one to another as to admoniſh one another when they ſee caus, and that whan they meet with ſuch freedome they thankfullie and kindly accept of it from one another, and that they lay hold on all occaſions to excite one another to zeal, faithfulnes, and diligence: This is to be done ſerioufliе.

ST. ANDREWS, THE 25 OF APRIL 1677.

Act for trying of candidats and intrants to the miniſtrie.—My Lord Archbiſhop and Synod, conſidering the prejudice that may and doth redound

to the Church, by the ignorance and inſufficiency of ſeverall young men, that enter upon their tryals in order to their being licentiat to be preachers, and thereupon ſeeking to obtaine a ſetlement in the miniſtry, doe, for the preventing hereof in tyme coming, appoint, that no young man ſhall be admitted to tryall in any Preſbitry of this dioceſs, unleſs he produce a certificat from the Profeſſors of Divinity in the reſpective Univerſities of the kingdome, of their having ſtudied therein, and given ſome ſpecimen of their proficiency accordinglie. And further, concerning the ſame perſons, it is ordered by my Lord Archbiſhop and Synod, that after the finiſhing of ther tryals, before they obtaine the Preſbetryes teſtimony thereof, they ſhall, in the face of the Preſbetry, own and acknowledge the eſtabliſhed government of the Church, by Archbiſhops and Biſhops, and promiſe their obedience and ſubmiſſion thereto; which declaration ſhall be inſert in the Preſbetry books, and ſigned by them.

St. Andrews, 21 Aprill 1680.

The Brethreene one the other ſyde of Tay, being enquired about their procedure with thoſe who had not the benefit of the King's Indulgence, and yet lived diſorderlie, gave ane account, that there were but few ſuch in their bounds. The Biſhop and Synod appoint theme to take notice of anie ſuch amongſt theme, and to be readie with informations to the Archbiſhop whene called; the like was deſyred of all the reſt of the brethreene.

Who haue collected for the mariners of Innerkeithing in Turkiſh ſlaverie, are ordered to deliver the ſame.

St. Andrews, 13 October 1680.

The Archbiſhop and Synod being deeplie ſenſible of the great diſcouragement the orderlie and orthodox miniſters labour under, by reaſone of the manie vagrant conventicle preachers and others, that in certaine places of this dioceſs, eſpeciallie in Fife, doe keep weeklie preachings in the houſes, to the great diſturbance of the peace and unitie of the congregations where they reſid, and the next adjacent; therfor its thought fitt that

the Moderators of the ſeverall Preſbitries ſhould give into the clerk of the Synod, a liſt of the names of all ſuch, whither itinerant or ſetled, that his Grace may make uſe thereof as he ſhall find expedient.

St. Andrews, Aprill, 1681.

The Archbiſhop hauing received and heard the petitione of Mr. Walter Birnie, a preacher of the Goſpell, and conſidered his neceſſitous conditione, hauing a familie, and being obliedged to keep a ſervant to read to him, he himſelf wanting the uſe of his eys from his childhood, and not hauing anie viſible way for his owne or their maintenance, ſave by the charitable contributions of the miniſters of the Goſpell: Therfor its ordered, that euerie miniſter within this dioceſs ſhall, out of the poors money or otheruiſe, as they ſhall think fitt, allow him fourteene ſhillings Scots, and deliver the ſame to the Moderator of the Preſbitry to be given to him at everie Synod.

St. Andrews, October 4, 1683.

The Brethren of the ſeverall Preſbytries, according to the appointment of the laſt Synod, gaue in a liſt of the phanaticks and papiſts within ther bounds.

The Archbiſhop and Synod hauing heard ane act of his Majeſties Councel in fauors of Mr. William Geddes, late miniſter at Urqwhart, for printing of two books, the one, Ane Hiſtorical Memorial containing the moſt remarkable occurrences and periods of the hiſtories of Scripture, the Univerſal Hiſtorie of the 4 Monarchies, the Scotiſh, Engliſh, Frenſh, and Turkiſh hiſtories; the other is called, The Saints Recreation. And conſidering that his Majeſties Councell, upon report of a committee, appointed for reviſing the ſame, hath judged them worthie to be publiſhed, and uſefull for the advancement of pietie and learning; and what ane inconſiderable rate they may [be] had for, if money were preſentlie advanced for his aſſiſtance in printing of them, doe therfor recommend the ſaid Mr. William Geddes his advertiſment to the ſeueral Preſbyteries

be read the firſt meeting after the Synod, that eurie brother may advance his dollor or fywe ſhillings, for his encouragement, and ſubſcrive the ſaid advertiſment.

The Archbiſhop and Synod, being informed that ſeueral of the brethren, contrare to the laws and lawdable cuſtomes of our Kirk, doe take upon them to gratifie the humors, and comply with the deſires of ſome perſones, both to baptiſe and marie priuatlie, not in the kirk, but in priuat houſes, therfore they ſtrictlie order, that none within this Dioceſſe ſhall preſume to marie without warrant from our Ordinarie, or baptiſe without apparent neceſſitie, any perſon or perſones of what degree or qualitie ſoewer, in priuat houſes. And knowing what may be the dangerous conſequence of ſuch irregular practiſes, doe heerby certifie all the contraveeners of this preſent appointment, that they will be proceeded againſt with cenſures according to ther diſobedience.

St. Andrews, Aprile 1684.

Prayer had.—Many of the brethren of the Preſbytries of Fyfe, haveing repreſented to the Synod, that notwithſtanding a liſt of diſorderlie perſons was given up by them, according to the Act of Parliament in October laſt, yet, in many of their pariſhes, nothing has been done as to the executione of the law for reducing of theſe recuſants unto the obedience of the Kirk, whereby the Miniſters hands are weakened, the recuſants hardened in their obſtinacie, and others, who, through vigorous executione of the law againſt them, had externallie, at leaſt, conformed to the order of the Kirk, and yeilded obedience to the laws of the kingdome, have turned as diſorderlie and looſe as ever. The Synod, conſidering this grievous complaint of ſo many from all quarters, do recommend the ſame to the Archbiſhop, and appoints that all concerned ſhould, aſſoon as poſſiblie they can, as they tender the peace of the Kirk and ſucceſſe of their miniſtrie, give up liſts both of the one and of the other, that he may repreſent the ſame to his Majeſties Councell.

St. Andrews, October 1684.

The Archbiſhop and Synod recommends ſeriouſlie a book latelie put

out by Mr. James Kaneries to the ſeverall Preſbytries, that everie brother may have one of them.[1]

St. Andrews, October 7 and 8, 1685.

Balbirnie Bridge.—The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod having ſeen and conſidered the order and warrand granted by the Committie of his Majeſties Privie Councill, for a voluntar contribution towards the building of a ſtone bridge upon that pairt of the water of Leven, called Balbirny bridge, furth of the ſhyres of Fyfe, Perth, Edenburgh, Angus, Kinroſs, Lanreck, and Kincarden, did recommend the ſame to the ſeverall brethren of this diocie concerned in the ſaid ſhyres, to goe about the collection of the ſaid voluntar contribution ſo ſoon as ever the ſaid ordor ſhall come to them in print.

St. Andrews, October 6, 1686.

Slanderers, October 14.—All the Members of the Synod ar appointed to be moſt cairful of obſerving and preaching upon the 14th day of October, the anniverſarie ſolemnitie of his ſacred Majeſties nativitie; and punctualie to obay the act of his Majeſties moſt honourable Privie Counſell againſt ſlanderers and leeſing makers, (the printed copies wherof wer diſtribut to all the brethren;) and that in privat, as weel as in publik, they forbear all maner of reflections, or any other expreſſions which may give anie ſhaddow of offence to authoritie, as they'l be anſwerable.

St. Andrews, October 5, 1687.

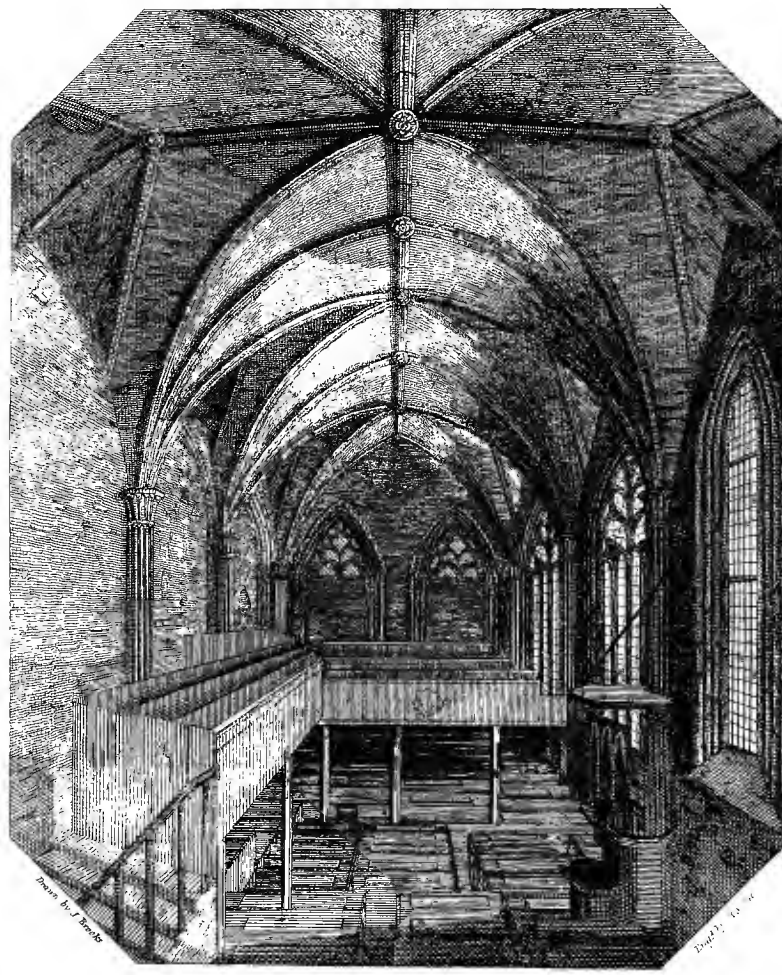
The Synod did appoint the former acts anent the voluntary contributions, appointed by the Kings Councell, for the Bridges of Balbirny and

[1] This book by Canaries, afterwards minister of Selkirk, was a Treatise of the sufficient Manifestation of the Will of God in all ages, 8vo. Edin. 1684. It appears from the Minutes of the Presbytery of St. Andrews, that Canaries, who had apostatized to the Popish religion, solemnly abjured that faith at a public meeting held for the purpose at St. Andrews, on the 25 January 1682.

Newmiln, the toun of Newburgh, and the pier of Anſtruther-Eaſtar, to be put in execution, and that theſe that have not collected them yet, collect and pay them to the collectors.

Drs. James Weems, rector of the Univerſity, Richard Waddel, archdeacon of St. Andrews, Alexander Skeen, proveſt of the Old College, John Nicolſon, miniſter of Errol, John Hay, miniſter att Falkland, Mrs John Blair, miniſter at Kilſpindie, and Hary Chryſtie, miniſter at Kinroſs, appointed to viſit the church of Auhtirderan.

APPENDIX.



INSIDE VIEW of the CHURCH of ST. MONANCE.

APPENDIX.

CATALOGUE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF FIFE FROM THE REFORMATION IN 1560, TO THE YEAR 1700.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

ABERCROMBIE, OR ST. MONANCE.[1]

Mr. John Ferguſon, *reader*, (1563.)
Mr. Thomas Young, *reader*, (1567.)
Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586. (*See* ANSTRUTHER WESTER.)
Mr. Alex. Forſyth, *ad.* 1593; went to England 1604.
Mr. Daniel Wilkie, *ad.* Nov. 1605; demitted 1628.
Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* Dec. 15, 1628; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died March 1663.
Mr. James Rattray, *ad.* July 26, 1664; depoſed for not taking the Teſt, 1682.
Mr. Andrew Burnet, *ad.* May 24, 1682; outed 1689.
Mr. Walter Wilſon, *ad.* 17th Dec. 1689; *tr.* to Kilconquhar, Dec. 3, 1701.

[1] In 1646, the Synod dismembered the town and lands of St. Monance from the parish of Kilconquhar, and united them to Abercrombie. But as the kirk of St. Monance was "most capable to conteine the whole parish, and because the grytest nomber of the parishioners duell neerest to that kirk, and for other reasons convinced in the supplication given in to the Presbytrie for that effect," divine worship was ordained to be performed therein in future.

Anstruther Easter.[1]

Mr. Colin Adams, *tr.* from Kilrennie, Nov. 1641; depoſed 1662.

Mr. Edward Thomſon, *ad.* November 14, 1677.
Mr. William Moncrieff, *ad.* Aug. 5, 1686; demitted 1689.
Mr. William Wardrop, *ad.* 1691.

Anstruther Wester.

Mr. William Clerk, (1567); died Feb. 1583-4.
Mr. Robert Wood, from 1584 to 1586.
Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* November 1586.[2]
Mr. Robert Durie, *ad.* 1588; baniſhed by King James 1606; died at Leyden in 1616.
Mr. John Fairfoul, *ad.* 1613; died 1625.
Mr. George Dewar, *tr.* from St. Andrews 1626; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; depoſed Nov. 21, 1641.
Vacant from 1641 to 1645.
Mr. David Guthrie, *ad.* July 23, 1645; depoſed 1665.
Mr. Alex. Leſlie, *ad.* January, 1666; *tr.* to Ceres, 1667.
Mr. David Taylor, *ad.* May 13, 1668.
Mr. Thomas Auchinleck, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1695.
Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* May 1, 1695; died 1702.

[1] In 1641, the town and barony of Anstruther-Easter were disjoined from the parish of Kilrennie, and erected into a separate charge, by the authority of Parliament.

[2] Mr. James Melvill had also the charge of the kirks of Abercrombie, Kilrennie, and Pittenweem; but shortly after his admission, he procured their erection into separate parishes, and betook himself to the charge of Kilrennie, in October 1590, where he officiated till 1606. In that year, he was called by King James to London, and was afterwards warded in Berwick for his opposition to Episcopacy, where he died in 1614.

Cameron.

Mr. George Nairne, *ad.* May 6, 1646; *tr.* to Bruntifland 1649.[1]
Mr. Alexander Wilfon, *ad.* April 24, 1650; depofed 1662.

Mr. James Williamfon, *ad.* June 24, 1668.
Mr. Andrew Flooker, *ad.* Jan. 30, 1678; outed 1689.
Mr. Alexander Wilfon reftored 1689.
Mr. John Oliphant, *ad.* Dec. 13, 1694.

Carnbee.

Mr. David Spens, (1567); died 1576.
Mr. George Durie, (1572.)
Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* November 7, 1576.
Mr. William Laing, (1582.)
Mr. Andrew Hunter, (Feb. 9. 1586-7); *tr.* to Newburn 1589.
Mr. David Mernes, *ad.* Jan. 1589–90; (alive 1635.)
Mr. John Mernes, *ad.* April 1639; depofed Jan. 6, 1642.
Mr. Harie Rymour, *ad.* April 24, 1644; depofed 1664. Alive at the Revolution.
Mr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Sept. 27, 1664; *tr.* to Pittenweem July 9, 1677.
Mr. James Gairns or Gairdner, *tr.* from Balmerino, Sept. 16, 1678.
Mr. Alex. Lundie, *tr.* from Orwell April 27, 1681, (*tr.* to Cupar 1682?)
Mr. John Falconer, *ad.* May 23, 1683; outed 1689.[2]
Mr. Harie Rymour reftored 1689; died 1697.
Mr. John Arthur, helper to Mr. Rymour 1690; *tr.* to Elie 1692.
Mr. Robert Fairweather, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Rymour, Oct. 5, 1693; *tr.* to Craill 1701.

[1] Mr. George Nairn was the first minister of Cameron. This parish, before 1592, formed part of the landwart of the parish of St. Andrews, from which it was disjoined in that year by act of Parliament, though the act does not appear to have been carried into effect till 1646. See page 146, 150.

[2] Consecrated a non-juring Bishop in 1709, and died in 1728.

Craill.

Mr. John Melvill, 1560.
Mr. Thomas Kynneir, (1568.)
Mr. Patrick Mortoun, *vicar*, (1576); depoſed 1590.
Mr. John Admeſtoun, *vicar*, *ad.* April 1581, demitted 1586.
Mr. Henry Leich, *ad.* 1586; *tr.* to Auchtermuchty in 1593.
Mr. Andrew Moncreiff, *Parson* of Craill,[1] *tr.* from Kilconquhar in 1593; died July 29, 1596.
Mr. Andrew Duncan, *ad.* Sept. 1597; baniſhed by King James in 1606; though not formally depoſed till 1619.
Mr. William Murray,[2] *ad.* 1598; depoſed October 1624.
Dr. John Douglas *ad.* 1624; died 1635.
Mr. George Halyburton *ad.* 1635; outed 1638.
Mr. Arthur Myrton *ad.* 1640; died 1645.
Mr. John Hart *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Myrton, 1643; *tr.* to Deninno 1646.
Mr. James Sharp, *ad.* Jan. 27, 1648; looſed from Crail to be third maſter of St. Mary's College, January 16, 1661; conſecrated Archbiſhop of St. Andrews, Dec. 15, 1661.
Dr. Alex. Edward, *tr.* from Deninno Aug. 5, 1663; died May 7, 1684.
Mr. Alexander Leſlie, *tr.* from Ceres Oct. 22, 1684; outed 1690.
Mr. William Hardie, *ad.* Sept. 23, 1690; *tr.* to St. Andrews 1701.
Mr. Robert Fairweather, *tr.* from Carnbee 1701.

Deninno.

Mr. David Guild, (1567.)
Mr. Thomas Broun, *parſon* of Dinninow, (1574.)

[1] Mr. Andrew Duncan, and Mr. William Murray were colleague ministers of Crail; prior to Sept. 1600, Mr. Murray acted only as assistant.

[2] When the church of Crail was dissolved by Parliament from the Monastery of Haddington in 1594, its revenues were divided into three parts, the first to the minister "that sall serve the cure at the said paroche kirk of Carraill, quha salbe called the *Person* thereof;" and the other two parts for sustaining bursars at the Colleges of St. Andrews and Edinburgh.

Mr. David Martyn, *ad.* April 1591.
Mr. William Erſkine, *ad.* 1597.
Mr. David Forret, (1639); *tr.* to Forgan, 1640.
Mr. James Wood, *ad.* 1641; made 3d maſter of the New College, 1645.
Mr. John Hart, *tr.* from Crail, Dec. 30, 1646; *tr.* to Dunkeld in 1650.
Mr. Alexander Edward, *ad.* Oct. 13, 1652; conf. to Epiſcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Crail, 1663.
Mr. William Moore, *ad.* Nov. 11, 1663; *tr.* to St. Andrews, July 1664.
Mr. John Barclay, *ad.* Dec. 15, 1664; *tr.* to Kettle, July 1667.
Mr. Paul Methven, *ad.* Nov. 20, 1667; *tr.* to
Mr. Andrew Auchinleck, *ad.* April 3, 1672.
Mr. William Wood, *ad.* 1683; depoſed May 2, 1693.
Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
Mr. James Knox, *ad.* Sept 2, 1697.

Elie.[1]

Mr. Robert Traill, *ad.* 1640; *tr.* to Edinburgh, 1648.
Mr. Robert Weems, *ad.* Aug. 16, 1649; depoſed 1665.

Mr. Alexander Wilſon, *ad.* May 8, 1678; outed 1689.
Mr. John Arthur, *tr.* from Carnbee 1692; died 1699.
Mr. John Chalmers, *ad.* 1701.

Ferry-port-on-Craig.[2]

Mr. John McBirny, *ad.* May 10, 1604; *tr.* to Aberdeen 1605.
Mr. Simeon Durie, *ad.* 1606; *tr.* to Forgan in 1609.

[1] The burgh of Elie was disjoined by the Synod from the parish of Kilconquhar, and erected into a separate charge in April 1639. Sir William Scott of Ardros bequeathed 5000 merks for erecting the church and manse; and his son, William Scott, afterwards mortified a stipend for the minister. This erection was ratified by Parliament in 1641.

[2] This parish formed part of Leuchars, from which it was disjoined in 1602, by the Presbytery and Synod. In 1606, an act of Parliament was passed for erecting the parish of new.

Mr. James Jarden, *ad.* Nov. 1609; *tr.* to Longforgan in January 1615.
Mr. Samuel Cuningham, *ad.* 1616; conformed to Preſb. 1638; died 1641.
Mr. Andrew Honyman, A. and S. 1640; *tr.* to St. Andrews, 1642.
Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* May 1, 1644; demitted, May 2, 1649.
Mr. John Rig, *ad.* Jan. 15, 1651; *tr.* to Strathmiglo, 1655.
Mr. William Vilant, *ad.* May 21, 1656; depoſed 1662.[1]
Vacant from 1662 to 1666.
Mr. Robert White, *tr.* from Inchture, May 24, 1666; outed 1689.
Mr. William Vilant, reſtored 1690; made Principal of the New College, 1691.
Mr. William Kemp, *ad.* 1692.
Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
Mr. Patrick Tullideph, *ad.* May 4, 1697; died 1709.

Forgan, or St. Fillans.

Mr. John Ure, *miniſter*, (1567.) See Leuchars.
Mr. Andrew Bennet, *vicar*, 1573.
Mr. Robert Buchanan, *ad.* March 1590; *tr.* to Ceres in June 1599.
Mr. William Marche, Regent in St. Leonard's College, *ad.* Auguſt 1599; died 1606.
Mr. David Lindſay, *tr.* from St. Andrews 1606; *tr.* to Leith 1609.
Mr. Simeon Durie *tr.* from Ferryportoncraig 1609; *tr.* to Arbroath 1628.
Mr. Henry Scrimgeour *ad.* 1628.
Mr. David Forret, *tr.* from Deninno 1640; *tr.* to Kilconquhar May 27, 1646.
Mr. Alexander Wederburn, *ad.* Feb. 10, 1647; depoſed 1665.[2]
Mr. John Alexander, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1665.
Mr. William Scot, *ad.* Aug. 12, 1674.
Mr. Alexander Sharp, *ad.* Jan. 16, 1678.
Mr. James Strahan, *ad.* Sept. 25, 1678; outed 1689.
Mr. Hugh Kemp *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Dunfermline May 1701.

[1] Mr. Vilant was *indulged* at the vacant church of Cambusnethan in 1669.
[2] He afterwards accepted the *indulgence* and preached at Kilmarnock.

Kemback.

Mr. William Ramſay, (1566); died 1570.
Mr. James Martyne, (1567.)
Mr. David Monypenny, (1594.)
Mr. George Nairn, *ad.* December 1596; *tr.* to Kennoway in 1604.
Mr. David Monypennie, reſtored 1604;[1] depoſed for fornication Oct. 7, 1617.
Dr. David Monro, 1618; *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1628.
Mr. John Barron, *ad.* 1628; conformed to Preſb. 1638; demitted 1648.
Mr. David Patton, *ad.* July 11, 1648; *tr.* to Kettins June 19, 1650.
Vacant from 1650 to 1656.
Mr. John Wardlaw, *ad.* July 2, 1656; depoſed 1662.
Mr. Robert Glafford, *ad.* Sept 7, 1664;[1] *tr.* to Kilmanie 1667.
Mr. John Chriſtiſone, June 30, 1669.
Mr. George Landells, *ad.* June 4, 1674; *tr.* to Cupar 1682.
Mr. Alexander Edward, *ad.* Feb. 22, 1682; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1700.
Mr. Alexander Anderſon, *ad.* 1700.

Kilconquhar.

Mr. Alexander Spence, (1565.)
Mr. George Leſlie, *ad.* Aug. 24, 1568.
Mr. David Spens, (1574.)
Mr. William Ballendene, *vicar*, (1577.)
Mr. Andrew Moncreiff, *tr.* from Largo 1590; *tr.* to Crail in 1593.
Mr. John Rutherfuird, *ad.* July 1594; removed in 1603.[2]

[1] Mr. David Monypennie, as one of the masters of St. Salvator's College, was *ex officio* parson of Kemback. He appears to have resigned the office in 1595, when Mr. George Nairne was admitted minister. On Mr. Nairne's translation to Kennoway in 1604, the parishioners of Kemback petitioned the Presbytery to have Mr. Monypennie again for their minister, who accordingly resumed the charge.

[2] Mr. Rutherfuird had been deposed by the Presbytery in July 1596, but was restored to his charge by King James in June 1597. He afterwards "renunced the ministerie and took him to be a mediciner."—*Melvill's Diary.*

Mr. John Carmichael, *tr.* from Newburn Aug. 11, 1603; died in 1622.
Mr. Harie Rollock, *ad.* 1623.
Dr. David Monro, *tr.* from Kemback 1628; conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died Dec. 1645.
Mr. David Forrett, *tr.* from Forgan May 27, 1646; conformed to Epifcopacy 1662; died Feb. 26, 1672.
Mr. William Hay, *ad.* Nov. 19, 1673; *tr.* to Perth, March 1684.[1]
Mr. Alexander Hay, *ad.* Sept. 24, 1684; outed 1589.
Vacant from 1689 to 1691.
Mr. James Drummond, *ad.* June 25, 1691; died Sept. 29, 1699.
Vacant from Sept. 1699 to Dec. 1701.
Mr. Walter Wilfon, *tr.* from Abercrombie, Dec. 3, 1701.

Kilrennie.

Mr. John Anftruther, *reader*, 1567. See Anstruther Wester.
Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586; died 1614.
Mr. John Dykis, *tr.* from Newburn in 1614;[2] died 1634.
Mr. Colin Adams, *ad.* 1634; *tr.* to Anftruther Eafter, Nov. 1641.
Mr. Robert Bennet, *ad.* March 23, 1642; depofed 1665.
Mr. Andrew Bruce, yo. *ad.* June 14, 1665.
Dr. John Wood, *ad.* Nov. 8, 1671; demitted Oct. 1698.
Mr. Robert Cleland, *tr.* from Newburn 1700.

Kingsbarns.[3]

Mr. James Bruce, *ad.* 1630; conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died May 26, 1662.
Mr. George Patullo, *tr.* from Newtyle, Sept. 24, 1663.

[1] Consecrated Bishop of Moray anno 1688, and suffered the common fate of his order at the Revolution.

[2] Mr. John Dykes, was admitted "fellow laborer" with Mr. James Melvill in 1596, but was translated to Newburn in 1604.

[3] Kingsbarns was originally part of the parish of Crail, from which it was disjoined in 1631, by an Act of the Commission of Teinds.

Mr. Gilbert Simſon, *ad.* Jan. 3, 1678; died 1700.[1]
Mr. Joſeph Pitcairn, *tr.* from Newburgh July 8, 1701.

Largo.[2]

Mr. Thomas Jameſon (1567.)
Mr. Alexander Wood, before 1576.
Mr. Andrew Moncrieff, (Feb. 1586–7;) *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1590.
Mr. John Auchinleck, *ad.* 1592.
Mr. Andrew Auchinleck, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; *tr.* to Dundee 1642.
Mr. James Macgill, *ad.* March 28, 1644; depoſed 1665.
Mr. John Auchinleck, *tr.* from Newburn Dec. 1, 1665; outed 1689.
Mr. James Macgill, reſtored 1689; died 1690.
Mr. William Moncreiff, *ad.* 1691.

Leuchars.

Mr. John Ure,[3] (1567.)
John Fleſcheour, *reader*, (1574.)

[1] Mr. Simson continued in his charge after the Revolution, but was not connected with the Presbytery.

[2] In 1564, the General Assembly appointed Mr. Robert Montgomerie, minister of Cupar, to supply Largo every Sabbath, and the school-master of Cupar to read and exhort in his absence.

[3] The kirk of Forgan was also in Mr. Ure's charge. He was one of the conventual brethren of the priory of St. Andrews at the Reformation. Mr. Ure, as understanding the "Irish tongue" or Gaelic, was, at the request of the Earl of Menteith, appointed minister at Menteith by the General Assembly 1564.—*Keith's History.*—But he appears not to have accepted, for the Editor has seen from authentic documents, that he was minister of this parish in 1595. It appears from Spottiswoode, that in 1591, "there happened a great division and hot contention in the Presbytery of St. Andrews, as to planting the church of Leuchars." The Presbytery divided and met separately, each division electing a minister for Leuchars. The Synod of Fife appointed some of the ministers of Lothian to bring them to an agreement; but after two days reasoning, the mediators finding no other means of settling the question annulled both elections; "and for eschewing such contentions thereafter, they did appoint the Presbytery to be divided into two, a part to sit in Cupar, and the rest to abide in St. Andrews."

Mr. John Kynneir, *ad.* helper to Mr. Ure, June 1593; died 1612.
Mr. Alexander Henderſon, *ad.* 1612; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 1638.
Mr. Eleazor Borthwick, *ad.* 1640; went to England in 1641.
Mr. Patrick Scougall, *tr.* from Darſie April 2, 1645; *tr.* to Saltoun, 1658.[1]
Mr. John Middleton, *ad.* Dec. 4, 1661; *tr.* to Markinch, 1684.
Mr. Robert Lundie, *ad.* 1684; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1695.
Mr. George Gordon, *ad.* July 3, 1695; died 1706.

Newburn.

Mr. George Lundie, (1567.)
Mr. Andrew Hunter, *tr.* from Carnbee 1589; ſuſpended April 25, 1594.
Mr. John Carmichael, *ad.* 1594; *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1603.
Mr. John Dykis, *ad.* October 1604; *tr.* to Kilrennie 1614.
Mr. Ephraim Melvill, *ad.* 1614; *tr.* to Pittenweem, 1617.
Mr. John Forret, *ad.* 1618; demitted 1628.
Mr. George Hamilton, *ad.* 1628; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; *tr.* to Pittenweem, Feb. 1650.
Vacant from 1650 to 1653.
Mr. Robert Honyman, *ad.* April 27, 1653; *tr.* to Dyſart March 1657.
Mr. George Hamilton, yo., *ad.* Feb. 16, 1659; depoſed 1662.
Mr. John Auchinleck, *tr.* from Inchture Sept. 30, 1663; *tr.* to Largo Dec. 1, 1665.
Mr. William Ogilvie, *ad.* March 14, 1666.
Mr. William Sym, *ad.* September 17, 1679.
Mr. Andrew Youngſon, *ad.* Auguſt 16, 1682.
Mr. James Hay, *ad.* September 16, 1685; outed 1690.
Vacant from 1690 to 1692.
Mr. George Hamilton, reſtored 1692; made Principal of St. Leonards College, Feb. 26, 1696.

[1] Afterwards consecrated Bishop of Aberdeen, (1664.) He was son to Sir John Scougal of that Ilk, and was a man of great worth. He died much esteemed on 16th February 1682.—*Keith's Scottish Bishops.*

Mr. Robert Cleland, *ad.* July 22, 1696; *tr.* to Kilrennie 1700.
Mr. Arthur Fairfoul, *ad.* 1701; died 1704.

Pittenweem.

Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586. See Anstruther Wester.
Mr. Nicol Dalgleiſh, *ad.* 1588.
Mr. Roger Melvill, *ad.* helper to Mr. Dalgleiſh, Nov. 3, 1603.
Mr. John Durie, *ad.* April 1613; *tr.* to Logie 1614.
Vacant from 1614 to 1617.
Mr. Ephraim Melvill, *tr.* from Newburn 1617; died 1629.
Mr. John Melvill, *ad.* 1629; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1649.
Mr. Geo. Hamilton, *tr.* from Newburn Feb. 27, 1650; depoſed 1662.

Mr. Andrew Bruce, *tr.* from Carnbee July 19, 1677; depoſed 1690.
Mr. Patrick Couper, *ad.* 1692.

St. Andrews.—1st Minister.

Mr. Chriſtopher Goodman, *ad.* 1560; reſigned and went to England, 1565.
Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* 1565; died 1581.
Mr. Robert Pont, *ad.* 1582; reſigned and returned to St. Cuthberts, 1583.
Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* 1584.
Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* June 30, 1586; made Principal of St. Leonards, May 21, 1589.
Mr. David Black, *ad.* Nov. 11, 1590; depoſed by King James, 1597; *ad.* to Arbirlot May 1598; died 1603.
Mr. George Gladſtones, *tr.* from Arbirlot, July 11, 1597; created Biſhop of Caithneſs, 1600, and Archbiſhop of St. Andrews, 1606.[1]
Mr. Alex. Gladſtones, *Archdean, ad.* 1612; depoſed Nov. 21, 1638.

1 Archbishop Gladstones continued to officiate as Archdean till 1612, when the Archdeanery was separated from the Archbishoprick, and conferred on his son. The title of *Archdean* was assumed by the first minister during Episcopacy; but the Presbyterian ministers declined the title, although they enjoyed the benefice.

Mr. Robert Blair, *tr.* from Ayr, Oct. 1639; depoſed 1662; died 1666.

Mr. Andrew Honyman, *ad.* Oct. 2, 1662; created Biſhop of Orkney, April 11, 1664; died 1676.

Mr. Alexander Young, *tr.* from Cramond, Sept. 28, 1665; made Biſhop of Edinburgh 1671; and of Roſs 1679.

Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Jan. 1673; created Biſhop of Dunkeld, 1680.

Dr. William Moore, *ad.* Oct. 1680; died 26th March, 1684.

Dr. Richard Waddel, *tr.* from Glaſgow, July 1684; ejected 1689.

Mr. James Rymer, *ad.* Sept. 1689; died 1691.

Mr. Thomas Forreſter, *tr.* from Killearn, May 1692; became Principal of St. Mary's College, Jan. 1698.

Mr. John Anderſon, *tr.* from St. Cuthberts, May 1699; died Feb. 1712.

St. Andrews.—2d Minister.

Mr. John Auchinleck, 1590.

Mr. Robert Wallace, *ad.* May 9, 1593; depoſed by King James, 1597.

Mr. David Lindſay, *ad.* Aug. 17, 1597; *tr.* to Forgan 1606.

Mr. Joſua Durie, *ad.* 1609, *tr.* to Inverkeillor, October 1613.

Dr. David Barclay, *ad.* 1614; depoſed for nonconformity to the Articles of Perth, 1620.

Mr. John Douglas, *ad.* 1621; to 1623.

Mr. George Dewar, *ad.* 1624; *tr.* to Anſtruther-Weſter 1625.

Dr. George Wiſhart, *tr.* from Moniſieth, 1626; depoſed 1638.[1]

Vacant from 1638 to 1642.

Mr. Andrew Honyman, *tr.* from Ferryportoncraig, 1642; became Archdean, Oct. 1662.

Mr. William Moore, *tr.* from Deninno, July 15, 1664; became Archdean, 1680.

Dr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Cupar, April 1681; died 1686.

Mr. John Wood, *ad.* Nov. 9, 1686; depoſed 1689.

Vacant from 1690 to 1697.

1 After the Restoration he became Bishop of Edinburgh.

Mr. Alexander Shields, *ad.* Sept. 15, 1697; went to Darien 1700.
Mr. William Hardie, *tr.* from Craill, May 1, 1701.

St. Leonards.[1]

Mr. Robert Wilkie, Principal, *ad.* Minifter 1589; died 1611.
Dr. Peter Bruce, *ad.* Principal and Minifter 1611; died 1630.
Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Principal and Minifter 1630; refigned the miniftery in 1644, but continued Principal till his death in 1647.
Mr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* Minifter 1644; made Profeffor of Divinity in St. Mary's College 1662.
Dr. James Weymfs, *ad.* Principal and Minifter Dec. 21, 1662; died 1691.
Mr. William Tullideph, Principal and Minifter, *tr.* from Weems 1692; died 1695.
Mr. George Hamilton, *ad.* Principal and Minifter, *tr.* from Newburn Feb. 1696; *tr.* to Edinburgh Jan. 1697.
Mr. John Anderfon, Principal and Minifter, *tr.* from Leflie Sept. 1, 1697; died 1708.

St. Mary's or New College.[2]

Principal.

John Douglas, *ad.* 1547, and continued to 1572, when he became Archbifhop of St. Andrews.
Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* 1574; deprived about 1580, and died April 16, 1581.
Mr. Andrew Melville, *ad.* in December 1580; removed from Scotland by King James in 1606, and went to Sedan, where he died in 1622.
Dr. Robert Howie, *tr.* from Dundee 1607; died 1643.

[1] From the period of the Reformation, until 1589, the parishioners of St. Leonards were placed under the charge of the minister of St. Andrews.

[2] The Principal and Masters of St. Mary's College appear to have been members of Presbytery. It may be observed, that for a considerable time after the Reformation, Professors of Theology, although not placed ministers, were admitted as members of Church Courts.

Mr. Samuel Rutherfurd, *ad.* 1644; died March 29, 1661.
Dr. Alexander Colville, *ad.* 1662; died Jan. 1666.
Dr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* October 23, 1666.
Dr. James Lorimer, *ad.* 1688; died in 1690.
Mr. William Vilant, *ad.* 1691; died Nov. 1692.
Mr. Alexander Pitcairn, *ad.* January 19, 1693; died Sept. 1695.
Mr. Thomas Forrefter, *ad.* 1698; died 1706.

2d Mafter, or Profeffor of Divinity.

Mr. James Lawfon, *ad.* Feb. 3, 1568–9.
Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* May 1569.
Mr. Archibald Hamilton, *ad.* 1575.
Mr. James Melville, *ad.* 1582; *tr.* to Anftruther Wefter, Nov. 1586.
Mr. John Johnfton, *ad.* 1598.
Dr. James Blair, *ad.* 1615.
Dr. Patrick Melville, *ad.* 1623.
Mr. Samuel Rutherfurd, *ad.* 1639; afterwards Principal.
Dr. Alexander Colville, *ad.* 1642; afterwards Principal.
Dr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* 1662; afterwards Principal.
Mr. James Tyrie, *ad.* 1667.
Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* 1671.
Mr. David Falconer, *ad.* 1673.
Dr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* 1682; *tr.* to Principality of Edinburgh College Dec. 9, 1685.
Dr. James Lorimer, *ad.* 1687; afterwards Principal.
Vacant from 1688 to 1699.
Mr. James Haddow, *tr.* from Cupar 1699.

3d Mafter, or Profeffor of Ecclefiaftical Hiftory.

Mr. Archibald Hamilton, *ad.* 1569.
Mr. Alexander Hamilton, *ad.* 1575.
Mr. John Hamilton, *ad.*

Mr. John Robertſon, *ad.* 1580.
Mr. John Caldcleuch, *ad.* 1585; *tr.* to Abdie 1599.
Mr. Patrick Melville, *ad.* 1599.
Dr. James Wedderburn, *ad.* 1623.
Mr. Patrick Panter, *ad.* 1628; depoſed 1638.
Mr. James Wood, *tr.* from Deninno July 9, 1645; made Principal of St. Salvator's College in 1657.
Mr. James Sharp, *ad.* 1660.
Mr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* 1661; *tr.* to 2d Maſter 1662.[1]

St. Salvators or Old College.[2]

Mr. John Rutherfurd, *ad.* 1560.
Mr. William Ramſay, (1566.)
Mr. James Martin, *ad.* 1570; demitted in 1623.
Mr. George Martin, *ad.* 1624; conformed to Preſb. 1638; died 1645.
Mr. John Barron, *ad.* 1646; demitted 1649.
Vacant from 1649 to 1657?
Mr. James Wood, *tr.* from St. Mary's College, 1657; depoſed 1663; died 1664.
Mr. George Wemyſs, *tr.* from St. Leonards College Nov. 1, 1664.
Mr. George Patullo, *ad.* 1677.
Mr. Alexander Skeen, *ad.* 1680; ejected in 1691.
Vacant from 1691 to 1694.
Mr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* 1694.
Mr. Robert Ramſay, *ad.* 1698.

[1] The Third Master's place, from want of funds, was vacant from 1662 to 1708.

[2] The Provest or Principal of St. Salvator's College, was, during the latter part of the 16th Century, *ex officio* parson of Cults, which parish, after 1692, lay in the Presbytery of Cupar. But in April 1611, the Diocesan Synod declared, "that the Provest of the Awld College sal, fra this tyme foorth, be of the Exerceis of St. Androis."

PRESBYTERY OF CUPAR.

Abdie.

Mr. William Simſoun, (1564.)
William Glen, *reader*, 1576.
Mr. Alexander Scrogy, (1589.)
Mr. John Caldcleugh, *ad.* 1599; died 1622.
Mr. Andrew Murray, *ad.* Oct. 1622; outed 1638.[1]
Mr. Alexander Balfour, 1639; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.
Mr. William Arnot, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Mr. John Carſon, *ad.* 1691.

Auchtermuchty.

Alexander Fairney, *reader*, 1567.
Sir William Scot of Balweary, *vicar*, *ad.* ; died 1575.
George Leſlie, *vicar*, *ad.* June 2, 1575.
Mr. Henry Leech, *tr.* from Crail 1593; died 1614.
Mr. James Bennet, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died about 1640.
Mr. James Martin, *tr.* from Cults 1641; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Ballingray Dec. 1669.
Mr. James Dempſter, *ad.* 1670; outed 1690.[2]
Mr. Alexander Glaſs, *ad.* 1691; *tr.* to Kinclevin 1700.

[1] Mr. Andrew Murray was a person of eminence in the Church, and a great favourite of Charles the 1st., at whose coronation he was knighted, and afterwards (1641) created Lord Balvaird. In 1642 he succeeded to the title and estates of Stormont, and died in 1644.

[2] On 19th April 1698, the Presbytery complains, that Mr. Dempster "conveens people from several congregations, baptizeth, marrieth, and giveth the communion within their bounds."—*Presb. Records.*

Balmerino.

Mr. Archibald Keith, *ad.* 1560.[1]
Mr. Patrick Auchinleck, (1571.)
Mr. Thomas Douglas of Stanipethe, *ad.* March 1580-1; alive 1626.
Mr. Walter Greig, *ad. A.* and *S.* to Mr. Douglas ; conformed to Preſbytery 1638, and to Epiſcopacy 1662; died Jan. 31, 1672.
Mr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* May 1, 1673.
Mr. James Gairns or Gairdner, *ad.* 1676; *tr.* to Carnbee Sept. 16, 1678.
Mr. George Hay, *ad.* 1678.
Mr. John Auchterlony, *ad.* ; outed 1689.[2]
Mr. Andrew Bowie, *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Ceres Auguſt 1692.
Vacant from 1692 to 1696.
Mr. James Hay, *ad.* May 7, 1696.

Ceres.

Mr. Patrick Conſtan, or Adamſon, (1563;) created Archbiſhop of St. Andrews 1576.
Mr. William Lang or Laing, (1567.)
Mr. Thomas Buchanan, *ad.* April 1, 1578; died April 1599.
Mr. Robert Buchanan, *tr.* from Forgan 1599; died 1617.
Mr. David Kynneir, *ad.* 1618; died 1623.
Mr. Walter Buchanan, *ad.* 1624; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1642.
Mr. William Row, *ad.* 1644; depoſed 1665.
Mr. Alexander Leſlie, *tr.* from Anſtruther-Weſter 1667; *tr.* to Craill 1684.

Mr. William Row, reſtored 1689, but ſuperannuated.
Mr. Andrew Bowie *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Row, *tr.* from Balmerrino 1692; *tr.* to North Leith, March 23, 1697.
Mr. Thomas Haliburton, *ad.* May 1, 1700.

[1] The kirks of Balmerino and Logie were served by Mr. Keith, who was, on the 29th December 1562, decerned by the General Assembly to be translated from those kirks to a place with a more abundant stipend.

[2] He was afterwards minister of Fordon in the Mearns.

Collessie.

Mr. Alexander Jarden, (1567.) See Monimail.
John Wobſter, *reader*, 1567.
Mr. Thomas Scott, *ad.* ; died 1586.
Mr. Henry Balfour, *ad.* Auguſt 1586; inhibited by the Preſbytery from preaching, on account of his weakneſs and great age, 1627; died 1629.
Mr. John Moncreiff, *A.* and *S.* *ad.* 1627; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; *tr.* to Kinghorn 1639.
Mr. John Litlejohn, *ad.* 1640.
Mr. John Ogilvie, (1677;) outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1696.
Mr. William Pitcairn, *ad.* September 9, 1696.

Creich.

Mr. Thomas Drummond, (1563.) See Fliſk.
James Cavie, *reader*, 1567.
Mr. Robert Paterſon, (1567.)
Mr. Andrew Bennet, *ad.* Feb. 1583-4; *tr.* to Monimail 1585.
Mr. John Killoch, *vicar*, *ad.* Aug. 1585.
Mr. Thomas Baxter, *ad.* 1590.
Mr. Alexander Strachan, (1604;) baniſhed by King James 1606.
Mr. David Kinnear, (1617.)
Mr. Andrew Bennet, yo. *ad.* 1617; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1651.
Vacant from 1651 to 1654.
Mr. John Alexander, *tr.* from Cults Dec. 28, 1654; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.
Mr. James Seaton, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1693.
Mr. John Law, *ad.* December 28, 1693; died June 9, 1694.
Mr. David Pitcairn, *ad.* Auguſt 27, 1695; *tr.* to Forres 1700.[1]
Mr. James Henry, *ad.* 1702.

[1] Mr. Pitcairn appears not to have gone to his charge at Forres, but to Holland.

Cults.

Mr. John Balfour, (1560.)[1]
Mr. John Rutherfurde, *ad.* 1563; died 1577.
David Frifell, *exhorter*, 1567.
Mr. James Martin, (1590.)[2]
Mr. James Martin, *ad.* ; conformed to Prefbytery 1638; *tr.* to Auchtermuchty 1641.
Mr. William Glafford, *ad.* 1641.
Mr. John Alexander, *ad.* 1643; *tr.* to Creich 1654.
Vacant from 1654 to 1656.
Mr. George Difhington, *ad.* May 1, 1656; depofed by the Synod 1668.
Mr. John Keir, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1692.
Mr. Alexander Wilfon, *ad.* 1692; died 1697.
Mr. Thomas Birrell, *ad.* May 11, 1699.

Cupar.[3]—(1st Minister.)

Mr. Robert Montgomerie, (1564.)
Mr. Alexander Spens, *tr.* from Kilconquhar 1566? died Nov. 1568.
Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* 1568.
Mr. Robert Flefcheour, *vicar*, *ad.* April 6, 1671-2.
Mr. Adam Mitchell, (1573); alive 1616.
Mr. William Scott, (1602); conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died 1642.

[1] He was removed by the General Assembly on 25th June 1563, as having usurped the Ministry, and being unqualified, and Mr. John Rutherfurd appointed in his place.—*Keith's Hist.*

[2] Mr. Martin was admitted Provost of St. Salvator's College in 1570, and was *ex officio* minister of Cults. He was succeeded by Mr. George Martin in the Provostry in 1623. Whether he died at that time is unknown, but it is certain that a Mr. James Martin was minister of Cults in 1611 & 1639 (*see* pp. 33 & 116,) who was translated to Auchtermuchty in 1641, and thence to Ballingray in 1669. It is inconsistent with chronology to suppose that the Provost of 1570 was the minister of 1669; although there is little doubt that he was the minister of 1590.

[3] Cupar and Moonsie were at this time united in one charge. The neighbouring parish of St. Michaels of Tarvit was united to Cupar in 1618.

Mr. David Dalgleiſh, *ad.* 1642; died 1651.
Vacant from 1651 to 1654.
Mr. John Makgill, *tr.* from Dunbog Dec. 14, 1654; outed 1662.[1]
Mr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Dyſart Aug. 6, 1663; *tr.* to 2d charge of St. Andrews, April 1681.
Mr. George Landells; *tr.* from Kemback, 1682; died 1685.
Vacant from 1685 to 1689.
Mr. Thomas Arnot, *ad.* 1689; died 1694.
Mr. James Haddow, *ad.* 1694; made Prof. of Divinity in the New Coll. April 1699.
Mr. William Dick, *tr.* from Forgandenny, 1702.

Cupar.—(2d Minister.)

Mr. David Dalgleiſh,[2] (1625); conformed to Preſbytery 1638; became 1ſt Miniſter 1642.
Vacant from 1642 to 1658.
Mr. Thomas Arnot, *ad.* June 11, 1658; depoſed 1662.[3]
Mr. William Wilſon, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1665; depoſed Aug. 29, 1689.
Mr. James Haddow, *ad.* 1692; became 1ſt Miniſter 1694.
Vacant from 1694 to 1698.
Mr. William Greenlees, *ad.* May 4, 1698; *tr.* to Ceres 1712.

Dairsie.

Mr. Peter Ramſay, (1567.)
Mr. John Williamſon, *vicar*, *ad.* Nov. 24, 1577.
Mr. James Yuill, (1590); died 1610.

Mr. Makgill went to France in 1663, and studied medicine. He returned "graduat doctor of phisike; he came home in a gray sute, but went abroad in black apparell." He purchased the estate of Kemback in 1667, and from him the present family of Makgill of Kemback are descended.—*Lamont's Diary.*

[2] The church of Cupar was made collegiate about 1625, and Mr. David Dalgleish was appointed 2d minister.

[3] Mr. Arnot was alive at the Revolution, and took the charge of the 1st minister.

Mr. John Rutherfurd, *ad.* Feb. 1611; *tr.* to Monifuith 1626.

Mr. Patrick Scowgall, (1636); *tr.* to Leuchars, 1645.

Mr. David Raitt, *tr.* from Newburgh 1645; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Kinnaird 1664.

Mr. George Patterſon, *ad.* 1665; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1696.

Mr. Andrew Geddie, March 3, 1696.

Vacant October 1703.

Dunbog.

Mr. William Simſoun, (1564.)

Robert Williamſon, *reader*, 1567. See Fliſk.

Mr. Robert Paterſoun, *vicar*, *ad.* Sept. 2, 1570.

Mr. William Thomſon, *vicar*, *ad.* April 18, 1575.

Mr. Thomas Baxter, (Jan. 1589-90); died 1641.

Mr. William Leviſtoun, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Baxter, (1639); *tr.* to Falkland 1645.

Mr. John Makgill, yo. *ad.* 1646; *tr.* to Cupar December 14, 1654.

Vacant from 1654 to 1657.

Mr. William Tullideph, Regent in St. Salvator's College, *ad.* July 30, 1657; depoſed 1662.[1]

Mr. Alexander Martin, *ad.* 1664; died 1665.

Mr. Alexander Auchinleck, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1666; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1698.

Mr. George Anderſon, *tr.* from Logie July 12, 1698.

Falkland, or Kilgour.[2]

Mr. William Braidfuit, (1567.)

Mr. Alexander Muir, (1574.)

[1] Mr. Tullideph was *indulged* in 1669, and allowed to preach at Kilbirnie.

[2] The ancient name of this parish was Kilgour. Its modern name was given in consequence of the church having been removed from Kilgour to Falkland.

Mr. David Couper, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574.
Mr. Adam Bannatyne.
Mr. William Cranſton, *ad.* Nov. 27, 1589.
Mr. James Pitcairn, (1611;) demitted 1624.
Mr. William Shetho or Shidow, *ad.* 1624; depoſed for immorality October 7, 1635.
Mr. William Barclay, *ad.* 1635; depoſed for malignancy 1644.
Mr. William Leviſtoun, *tr.* from Dunbog 1646; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.
Mr. William Barclay, (reſtored 1664); died about 1671.
Mr. John Hay, (1673); outed 1689.
Mr. Henry Hamilton, *ad.* 1690.
Mr. John Forreſt, *ad.* 1691.
Mr. William Selkrig, *ad.* 1692; died 1701.

Fliſk.

Mr. James Balfour, "perſoune of Fliſk" 1561.[1]
Mr. Robert Paterſon, (1567.)[2]
Mr. Peter Watſon, (1586.)
Mr. John Wemyſs, *ad.* September 1590; became Principal of St. Leonard's College in 1592.
Mr. John Makgill, (1613); conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died March 22, 1659.
Mr. William Myles, *ad.* May 3, 1660; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; died 1694.
Vacant from 1694 to 1697.
Mr. William Thomſon, *ad.* May 6, 1697.

[1] He was Lord President of the Court of Session, and is stigmatised by Dr. Robertson as "the most corrupt man of his age."

[2] Mr. Paterson had also the charge of the kirks of Dunbog and Creich, where *Readers* officiated.

Kings Kettle, or Lathrisk.[1]

Mr. Alexander Mure, *exhorter*, (1567.)
Mr. John Balfour, *vicar*, *ad.* 1573.
Mr. William Cranftoun, *ad.* Nov. 1589.[2]
Mr. James Pitcairn, *ad.* ; demitted in 1623.
Mr. William Cranfton, *ad.* Dec. 1623; demitted 1626.
Mr. Robert Cranfton, *ad.* 1626; *tr.* to Sconie 1632.
Mr. John Ramfay, *ad.* 1633; conformed to Prefbytery 1638, and to Epifcopacy 1662; died 1667.
Mr. John Ramfay, *tr.* from Dennino July 1667; outed 1689.
Mr. James Pitcairn, *tr.* from Burntifland, 1691.

Kilmany.

Mr. William Ramfay (1565.)
Mr. James Forfyth, *ad.* Sept. 24, 1571.
Mr. Robert Heindfchalls, or Infchaw, (1574.)
Mr. John Sharpe, (1604,) banifhed by King James, 1606.[3]
Vacant in 1608.
Mr. James Thomfon (1611,) conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died 1646.
Mr. George Thomfon, *A.* and *S.* 1639; died Nov. 1661.
Mr. Thomas Kinninmouth, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1663; *tr.* to Dunfermline, 1666.
Mr. Robert Glafford, *tr.* from Kemback 1667; *tr.* to Auchterderran, 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1692.

[1] The name of this Parish was anciently *Lathrisk,* from a place near the west end of the Parish where the church formerly stood. In the beginning of the Seventeenth Century the church was removed to the village of Kettle, since which time the parish took its present name.

[2] Mr. William Cranston was appointed to Lathrisk in 1589. Whether he resigned and afterwards resumed the charge is unknown; but it appears from the *Register of Presentations to Benefices,* that a Mr. William Cranston was appointed minister at Lathrisk Dec. 30, 1623, on the translation of Mr. James Pitcairn the last minister.

[3] He went to France, where he was Professor of Theology at Die in Dauphine; returned to Scotland in 1640, and was made Professor of Theology at Edinburgh. He was the author of several learned works. He died about 1646.

Mr. James Macdougal, *ad.* 1692; demitted Oct. 22, 1695; died 1696.
Mr. Alexander Pitcairn, *ad.* Feb. 23, 1697.
Vacant April 1701.

Logie.

Mr. Archibald Keith, 1560. See Balmerino.
Mr. Patrick Auchinleck, (1571.)
Henry Leache, *reader*, (1571.)
Mr. Thomas Forret, *vicar;* demitted 1580.
Mr. Thomas Douglas, *ad.* March 1580-1.
Mr. John Lootfute [Lightfoot] (July 1599); died 1612.
Mr. John Durie, *tr.* from Pittenweem, 1613; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died April 1651.
Mr. Henry Pitcairn, May 6, 1652; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; deposed 1690.
Mr. George Anderson, *ad.* 1691; *tr.* to Dunbog 1698.
Mr. John Stark, *ad.* April 30, 1700.

Monimail.

Mr. Alexander Jarden, (1567.)[1]
Mr. Henry Balfour, *reader*, 1574.
Mr. George Cok, *vicar;* demitted 1579.
Mr. Patrick Arthur, *vicar*, *ad.* 1579.
Mr. Andrew Bennet, *tr.* from Creich 1585; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1640.
Mr. William Bennet, *A.* and *S.* ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1641.
Mr. David Orme, *tr.* from Newburgh, Dec. 30, 1641; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; died June 29, 1684, aged 80.
Mr. James Ross, *ad.* May 20, 1686; outed 1689.[2]
Mr. Edward Jamieson, *ad.* 1690; died in 1704, aged 80.

[1] Mr. Jarden had also charge of the parish of Collessie.
[2] Afterwards non-juring Bishop of Glasgow. He died in 1733.

Moonsie or Auchtermoonsie.

William Greg, *reader*, *ad.* 1576. See Cupar.
Mr. James Wedderburn, *ad.* 1625; conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died May 1661.
Mr. James Wedderburn, yo. *A.* and *S.* Sept. 2, 1659; depofed 1662.
Mr. James Forfyth, (1664.)
Mr. David Bayne, (1675.)
Mr. James Rofs, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Mr. Samuel Nairne, *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Errol, 1692.
Mr. Andrew Young, *ad.* Nov. 21, 1693; died 1699.
Mr. William Myles, *ad.* Sept. 12, 1700.

Newburgh.[1]

Mr. James Leflie, *ad.* Oct. 1622; died 1630.
Mr. David Orme, *ad.* 1631; conformed to Prefbytery 1638; *tr.* to Monymail 1641.
Mr. David Raitt, *ad.* 1642; *tr.* to Dairfie 1645.
Mr. Laurence Oliphant, *ad.* 1646; conformed to Epifcopacy 1662.
Mr. Robert Bayne, *ad.* April 11, 1672; died June 1684.
Mr. William Grant, *ad.* Aug. 27, 1685; outed 1690; died 1696.
Vacant from 1690 to 1698.
Mr. Thomas Ferney, *ad.* Feb. 16, 1698; died May 1699.
Mr. Jofeph Pitcairn, *ad.* May 7, 1700.

Strathmiglo.

Mr. George Leflie, (1560.)[2]
Mr. William Braidfuit, (1567.)
Mr. Alexander Muir, (1574.)

[1] The parish of Newburgh formed part of that of Abdie previous to 1622, when the Synod separated the burgh from the *Landwart*, and erected it into a distinct charge. The erection, however, does not appear to have been ratified by Parliament till 1633.

[2] Mr. Leslie had also the charge of Auchtermuchty.

Mr. James Balcanqual, (October 1589); died 1653.
Mr. John Moncrieff, (1633.)
Mr. John Morray, *ad.* ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died Jan. 1655.
Mr. John Rig, *tr.* from Ferrieportoncraig Sept. 20, 1655; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.
Mr. David Barclay, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Mr. Alexander Auchmoutie, *ad.* 1690; died 1695.
Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* Sept. 12, 1695; *tr.* to Weems Oct. 1697.
Mr. George Gillespie, *ad.* May 10, 1699.

PRESBYTERY OF KIRKALDY.

Abbotshall.

Mr. Patrick Weyms, *ad.* Nov. 4, 1650; deposed 1662; died 1667.[1]

Mr. John Bowes, *ad.* ; deposed Sept. 4, 1690.
Mr. Alexander Fraser, *ad.* January 5, 1692; died 1697.
Mr. Patrick Melvill, *ad.* September 29, 1699.

Auchterderran.

Mr. George Boswell, (1567); alive 1583.
Mr. John Chalmers, (1612); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

[1] Abbotshall was the *landward* part of the parish of Kirkaldy, from which it was dismembered, and erected into a separate charge in 1650. Mr. Weyms was the first minister, and was deposed at the restoration of Episcopacy. He afterwards purchased the estate of Gladney in Fife.

Mr. John Chalmers, yo., *ad. A.* and *S.* to his father May 17, 1638; died Nov. 14, 1662.

Mr. William Lindſay, *ad.* 1663; *tr.* to Perth April 9, 1668; afterwards Biſhop of Dunkeld.

Mr. Thomas Kinninmonth, *tr.* from Dunfermline, 1668.

Mr. Robert Glaſford, *tr.* from Kilmanie, 1689; depoſed Sept. 1690; died 1691.

Mr. Thomas Harvey, *ad.* Oct. 20, 1692; demitted Dec. 1699.

Mr. John Auchinleck, *ad.* December 18, 1700.

Auchtertool.

Mr. Peter Blaikwood, (1567.) See Aberdour.

William Thalland, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. James Tullis, *ad.* ; died 1604.

Mr. David Martyn, *ad.* March 1605; died 1635.

Mr. William Bell, *ad.* Dec. 1, 1636; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; *tr.* to Dron 1641.

Mr. Joſua Meldrum, *ad.* Feb. 17, 1642; *tr.* to Kinghorn June 26, 1651.

Mr. Andrew Walker, *ad.* April 28, 1652; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; *tr.* to .

Mr. John Wilkie, *ad.* 1664; died March 18, 1665.

Mr. Thomas Litſter, *ad.* 1665; *tr.* to Aberdour 1668.

Mr. Henry Balfour, ; depoſed for non-conformity June 22, 1693.

Mr. Martin Shanks, *ad.* Sept. 20, 1694; *tr.* to Newhills 1696.

Mr. Andrew Eliot, *ad.* February 29, 1700.

Ballingray.

Mr. Alex. Wardlaw, *exhorter*, 1560. See Kinross.

Mr. David Anderſon, *ad.* 1617; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1640.

Mr. Robert Bruce, *ad.* March 11, 1641; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; died 1669.

Mr. James Martin, *tr.* from Auchtermuchty Dec. 1669.
Mr. Henry Malcolm, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1702.
Mr. Andrew Wardroper, *tr.* from Kirkaldie April 30, 1702.

Burntisland.[1]

Mr. Andrew Lamb, (1590;) *tr.* to Leith 1602; afterwards Biſhop of Brechin 1606.
Mr. William Watſon, 1606; *tr.* to Markinch 1616.
Dr. John Mitchelſon;[2] *tr.* from Markinch 1616; depoſed Feb. 7, 1639.
Mr. Andrew Leſlie, *ad.* January 30, 1640; died 1643.
Mr. John Smith, *tr.* from Leſlie, October 18, 1643; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1648.
Mr. George Nairne, *tr.* from Cameron Auguſt 15, 1649; depoſed 1662; died 1670.
Mr. George Johnſton, *ad.* ; outed 1688; formally depoſed Nov. 20, 1691.
Mr. James Pitcairn, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to
Mr. James Inglis, *tr.* from St. Martins Auguſt 15, 1693; depoſed for error in doctrine 1699.
Mr. John Cleghorn, *ad.* May 7, 1701.

Dysert.—1st Minister.

Mr. Andrew Forreſter, (1567.)
Mr. Robert Danielſton, *ad.* ; died 1573.
Mr. George Scot, *ad.* May 25, 1574; died 1582.
Mr. John Young, *ad.* October 25, 1582; died 1584.
Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* November 1584.
Mr. William Murray, *ad.* March, 1584-5.[3]

[1] In 1567 Burntisland, formerly called Wester Kinghorn, as part of the cure of Mr. Thomas Biggar, minister at Easter Kinghorn, was under the charge of Mr. John Brown, exhorter. It was erected into a separate parish before 1606.

[2] He wrote a Defence of Knecling at the Communion, octavo, London, 1620.

[3] Mr. Murray was the father of William first Earl of Dysart.—*Wood's Peerage.*

Mr. William Nairne,[1] *ad.* 1619; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died January 1653.

Mr. James Wilſon, *ad.* 1653; depoſed 1661.

Mr. John Robertſon, *tr.* from Kirkaldie Oct. 29, 1661; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 1662.

Mr. John Anderſon, *ad.* Feb. 1664; retained his charge after the Revolution, and died in 1707.

Dysert.—2d Minister.

Mr. Thomas Hogg,[2] *ad.* 1616; depoſed for contumacy, April 1620.

Mr. William Spittal, *ad.* 1626; demitted 1635.

Mr. Mungo Law, *ad.* 1636; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1644.[3]

Mr. James Wilſon, *ad.* 1644; admitted to the 1ſt charge 1653.

Mr. James Blair, *ad.* April 1655; died Oct. 21, 1655.

Mr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Newburn March 1657; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Cupar Aug. 6, 1663.

Vacant from 1663 to 1669.

Mr. Robert Lundin, *ad.* Sept. 1669.

Mr. James Arbuthnot, *ad.* 1686; outed 1689.

Mr. Andrew Wedderburn, *ad.* 1688; died 1694.

Vacant from 1694 to 1699.

Mr. David Low, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1699; died 1703.

Kennoway.

Mr. John Symſon, (1567.);[4] died 1582.

[1] He was the author of "The Pearle of Prayers."

[2] Although Mr. Hogg appears as 2d minister in 1616, that charge was not instituted till 1625, (see p. 104), to which Mr. Spittal was admitted in April 1627. Mr. Hogg was afterwards minister of Kennoway.

[3] He was one of the six ministers who protested against the surrender of Edinburgh Castle, and died a prisoner in England in 1660.

[4] Mr. Symson had also Scoonie under his charge; and Mr. Alexander Sauchy officiated as *vicar* at Kennoway.

Mr. Alexander Sauchy, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574; died 1575.
Mr. Robert Wood, *ad.* Dec. 4, 1582.
Mr. William Scot, (1602).
Mr. George Nairne, *tr.* from Kemback 1604; died 1610.
Mr. James Symſon, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1611; *tr.* to Kirkaldy 1627.
Mr. Frederick Carmichaell, *tr.* from Kirkaldie 1627; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; *tr.* to Markinch June 11, 1640.
Mr. Thomas Hogg, *ad.* June 25, 1640; died June 21, 1652.
Mr. Robert Mercer, *ad.* Jan. 27, 1653; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.
Mr. George Chalmers, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Mr. Thomas Ruſſell, *ad.* October 8, 1690.

Kinghorn.

Mr. David Wood, *ad* 1561.[1]
Mr. Thomas Biggar, *ad.* July 18, 1570.
Mr. Robert Rait, *reader*, (1576.)
Mr. John Scrimgeour, (1615;) depoſed 1620.
Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour, *ad.* 1620; outed 1639.
Mr. John Moncreiff, *tr.* from Colleſſie, Dec. 12, 1639; died 1650.
Mr. Joſua Meldrum, *tr.* from Auchtertool June 26, 1651; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 5, 1662.
Dr. Gilbert Lyon, *ad.* May 20, 1663; died 1685.
Mr. Patrick Lyon, *ad.* 1686; ſuſpended by the Preſbytery Sept. 1690.[2]

Kinglassie.

Mr. David Stirk, *reader*, *ad.* 1567. See Markinch.

[1] Mr. David was required by the Superintendant of Fife (January 1562), "to ask forgiveness on his knees from John Brown, reidar in Kinghorn, for calling him hypocrite, rascally knave, idolator, and massmonger, and to confess his fault before the congregation of Kinghorn, and then to be deprived of his ministry for some time, at the discretion of the Superintendent." —*Wodrow's Bio. Coll.* printed by the Maitland Club, p. 461.

[2] Mr. Lyon retained his charge after the Revolution.

Mr. John Rynd, *exhorter*, *ad.* Feb. 5, 1570-1.
Mr. Mathew Valange, *ad.* ; died 1571.
Mr. George Ramſay, *ad.* 1572; died 1611.
Mr. James Wilſon, *ad.* 1611; died 1630.
Mr. Thomas Melvill, "brother to the Laird of Raith," *ad.* Dec. 16, 1630; conformed to Preſbytery 1638.

Mr. Alexander Monro, *tr.* from Dunfermline 1676; *tr.* to Weems .
Mr. David Bean, *ad.* ; demitted October 9, 1690.
Mr. Robert Elliot, *tr.* from Linton in Tweedale Sept. 4, 1691; died 1704.

Kirkaldie.

Mr. George Scot, (1567;) *tr.* to Dyſart 1574.
Mr. James Moutray, *vicar*, demitted 1575.
Mr. Stephen Wilſon, *vicar*, *ad.* May 1576.
Mr. John Mitchelſon, (1611.)[1]
Mr. John Gilleſpie, *ad.* 1614; *tr.* to 1626.
Mr. Frederick Carmichael, appointed April 21, 1627; *tr.* to Kennoway Auguſt 1627.
Mr. James Symſon. *tr.* from Kennoway Auguſt 1627; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1665.[2]
Mr. George Ogilvie, *tr.* from Portmoak 1665; died 1676.
Mr. James Williamſon, *ad.* ; outed 1688; and formally depoſed by the Synod July 22, 1690.
Mr. Robert Rule, *ad.* July 24, 1688; *tr.* to Stirling April 1693.
Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
Mr. Archibald Riddell, *tr.* from Weems May 1697; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1702.
Mr. John Wilſon, *tr.* from Portmoak 1702; *tr.* to North Leith .

[1] Mr. Mitchelson was at the same time minister of Markinch, to which parish alone he betook himself in 1614.

[2] He died in January 1665, "a man of full days, and who had good skill of herbs."—*Lamont's Diary.*

Kirkaldie.—2d Minister.

Mr. Robert Dowglas, (1630); conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1641.[1]
Mr. Patrick Gillespie, *ad.* April 14, 1642; *tr.* to Glasgow 1648.[2]
Mr. Kenneth Logie, *ad.* Feb. 1650; died Dec. 1669.
Mr. John Robertson, *ad.* Dec. 1658; *tr.* to Dysart 1661.
Mr. Ludovick Gordon, *ad.* ; outed 1688.
Mr. Andrew Wardroper, *ad.* June 30, 1692; *tr.* to Ballingray April 30, 1702.

Leslie.

Andrew Angus, *reader*, 1574. See Markinch.
Mr. Thomas Putie, (1611;) conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1641.
Mr. John Smyth, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Putie, *ad.* Dec. 11, 1634; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Burntisland 1643.
Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* 1645; outed in 1663.

Mr. William Mitchell, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to Dundee Feb. 19, 1691.
Mr. John Anderson, *ad.* June 30, 1691; *tr.* to St. Leonards Sept. 1, 1697.
Mr. John Shaw, *tr.* from Newtoun Nov. 9, 1698; *tr.* to South Leith 1708.

Markinch.

Mr. Peter Watson, (1567.)[3]

Mr. John Mitchelson, (1611);[4] *tr.* to Burntisland 1615.

[1] At the Coronation of Charles the 2d at Scone, Mr. Douglas preached, and conducted the religious part of that ceremony.

[2] He was at the same time Principal of the University, but was ejected at the Restoration. He died about 1670.

[3] Mr. Watson had also charge of the kirks of Kinglassie, Leslie, and Portmoak, where readers officiated. In the beginning of the seventeenth Century, the small parsonage of Kirkforthar was annexed to this parish.

[4] Mr. Mitchelson had at the same time charge of the church of Kirkaldie.

Mr. William Watſon, *ad.* March 1616; died 1619.

Mr. Andrew Lawmonth, *ad.* 1619; depoſed Feb. 7, 1639.

Mr. Frederick Carmichaell, *tr.* from Kennoway, June 11, 1641; died May 3, 1667.

Mr. John Ramſay, *tr.* from Scoonie, May 6, 1668.

Dr. John Middleton, *ad.* 1684; demitted 1695.

Vacant from 1695 to 1697.

Mr. William Mackie, *tr.* from Portmoak, 1697; died 1699.

Mr. Joſeph Drew, *tr.* from New Monkland, April 30, 1701; *tr.* to the Principality of St. Leonards College, 1708.

Portmoak.

Mr. John Rynd, *exhorter*, *ad.* 1567. See Markinch.

Mr. Robert Winrame, *ad.* ; did 1573.

Mr. Henry Forſyth, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574.

Mr. John Wilkie, (1611); died 1632.

Mr. Harie Wilkie, *ad.* Feb. 25, 1633; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; *tr.* to Weems Nov. 30, 1642.

Mr. George Ogilvie, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1643; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Kirkaldie in 1665.

Mr. Walter Bruce, *ad.* 1666.

Mr. John Bruce, (1669;) outed 1688; but formally depoſed Sept. 4, 1690; died 1695.

Mr. William Mackie, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to Markinch 1697.

Mr. John Wilſon, *ad.* Nov. 24, 1698; *tr.* to Kirkaldie, 1702.

Scoonie.

Mr. John Symſon, (1567.) See Kennoway.

Mr. Allan Lawmonth, (1585); died 1632.

Mr. Thomas Lawmonth, Aſſiſtant to his father, May 1614.

Mr. Walter Lawmonth, do. Oct. 27, 1627; *tr.* to Scone 1631.

Mr. Robert Cranſtoun, *tr.* from Kettle 1632; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1643.

Mr. Alexander Moncreiff, *ad.* September 26, 1643; depoſed 1662.
Mr. John Ramſay, *ad.* Aug. 14, 1662; *tr.* to Markinch, May 6, 1668.
Mr. Robert Wood, *ad.* Nov. 18, 1669.
Mr. John Blair, *ad.* .[1]

WEEMS.

Mr. Andrew Forreſter, (1567.)
Mr. John Tullais, (1586,) alive 1619.
Mr. Patrick Mearns, *ad.* Sept. 8, 1636; depoſed 1638.
Mr. George Gilleſpie, *ad.* April 26, 1638.
Mr. Harie Wilkie, *tr.* from Portmoak, Nov. 30, 1642; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; died Oct. 7, 1664.
Mr. James Nairne, *ad.* May 1665.
Mr. Alexander Monro, *tr.* from Kinglaſſie ; *tr.* to St. Andrews .
Mr. Alexander Scares, ; outed 1688.
Mr. William Tullideph, *ad.* 1688; made Principal of St. Leonards, 1691.
Mr. Archibald Riddel, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1691; *tr.* to Kirkaldie, May 20, 1697.
Mr. Thomas Black, *tr.* from Strathmiglo, Oct. 14, 1697; *tr.* to Perth, April 1698.
Mr. James Grierſon, *ad.* Sept. 22, 1698; *tr.* to Edinburgh, 1710.

PRESBYTERY OF DUNFERMLINE.

ABERDOUR.

Mr. John Ramſay, *ad.* 1560 to the kirks of Aberdour and Torrie.
Mr. Peter Blaikwood, (1567;) *tr.* to Aberdeen, 1586.[2]

[1] Mr. Blair continued minister after the Revolution, although not in communion with the Presbytery.

[2] Mr. Blaikwood appears to have had the kirks of Carnock, Saline, Aberdour, Auchtertool, and Dalgetie, in his charge. He was assisted by "John Paterson, reidare at Dalgetie and Aberdour, and Mr. John Fairfull, and Mr. Walter Balcanquell, exhorters."

Mr. Andrew Kirk, *ad.* May 1587.
Mr. Patrick Carmichael, *ad.* 1606.
Mr. William Patton, *ad.* ; died 1634.
Mr. Walter Stewart, *ad.* 1635; *tr.* to the Provoſtry of Orkney 1636.
Mr. Robert Bruce, *ad.* 1637; conformed to Preſbytery 1638, and to Epiſcopacy 1662; died 1667.
Mr. Thomas Litſter, *tr.* from Auchtertool, Sept. 16, 1668.
Mr. Robert Johnſton *ad.* ; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1697.
Mr. David Cummine, *ad.* February 24, 1697; died 1701.
Mr. Alexander Scot, *ad.* September 24, 1702.

Beath.

Mr. Alexander Stewin, *reader*, 1569.
Mr. Harie Smyth, *ad.* 1644;[1] conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.
Mr. George Gray, *ad.* ; demitted 1690.
Mr. Alexander Steedman, *ad.* June 9, 1691.

Carnock.

Rychart Broun, *reader*, (1567.)
Mr. Peter Blaikwood, *ad.* 1571; *tr.* to Aberdeen, 1586.
Mr. James Stewart, *ad.* 1586; *tr.* to Saline, May 1587.
Mr. John Row, *ad.* 1592; continued to 1646.
Mr. George Belfrage, *ad.* June 2, 1647; depoſed July 1664.
Mr. John Schaw, late miniſter at Kells, *ad.* Feb. 1, 1665; *tr.* to Kinnaird in 1679?
Mr. Thomas Marſhall, *ad.* 1679; outed 1689.
Vacant from 1689 to 1694.
Mr. William Innes, *ad.* Oct. 18, 1693; *tr.* to Thurſo 1697.
Mr. James Hog, *ad.* Auguſt 23, 1699; continued to 1734.

[1] Beath was united with Aberdour and Dalgetie in one charge till 1643, when it was erected into a separate parish, of which Mr. Harie Smyth was the first minister. His stipend was contributed by the different Presbyteries. See p. 154.

Cleish.

Mr. John Anderſon, *reader*, 1567.
Mr. John Henderſon, *vicar*, *ad.* April 30, 1575; died 1581.
Mr. William Lumſden, *ad.* ; died 1586.
Mr. Edmond Myles, who was admitted *vicar* in 1582, and *miniſter* Sept. 1586; demitted 1634.
Mr. James Carmichaell, *ad.* 1634; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; demitted Oct. 17, 1649.
Mr. James Hackſtoun or Halkerſton, *ad.* July 8, 1651; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.
Mr. William Hackſtoun, *ad.* ; demitted 1690.
Mr. Thomas James, *ad.* 1691; demitted July 6, 1698.[1]
Vacant from 1695 to 1700.
Mr. John Gib, *tr.* from Muckart, March 31, 1701.

Culross.—1st Minister.

Mr. John Dykes,[2] (1567); confined by order of King James 1607.
Mr. Robert Colvill, *ad.* ; died 1630.
Mr. John Duncan, *ad.* 1631; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1655.
Mr. Robert Edmiſtoun, *ad.* July 2, 1649, helper to Mr. Duncan; depoſed November 27, 1667.
Mr. Robert Wright, *ad.* 1662; outed 1689.
Mr. James Frazer of Brae, *ad.* 1689; died 1699.

Culross.—2d Minister.

Mr. Mathew Fleming, *ad.* Dec. 24, 1656.
Mr. Alexander Young, ; outed 1689.

[1] Mr. James was appointed minister of the Scottish African Company, and died on his passage to Darien in 1699.

[2] Mr. Dykes had also the parishes of Tulliallan and Clackmannan under his charge. He was assisted by "Walter Myllar, exhortar," and "Robert Maxwell, reidare."

Vacant from 1689 to 1698.

Mr. George Mair, *ad.* September 2, 1698.

Dalgetie.

John Paterſon, *reader*, 1567. See Aberdour.

John Brounhill, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. Alexander Stephen, *vicar*, *ad.* June 14, 1575.

Mr. Andrew Donaldſon,[1] 1644; outed 1664; alive at the Revolution.

Mr. John Corſar, late miniſter of Leith, *ad.* January 27, 1669, and continued to 1680.

Mr. John Lumſdaine, *ad.* 1680, and continued to 1687.

Mr. George Gray, *ad.* 1687; outed 1688.

Mr. Andrew Donaldſon, reſtored 1688; died 1695.

Mr. Archibald Campbell, *ad.* Aug. 27, 1696, and continued to 1717.

Dunfermline.—1st Minister.

Mr. David Fergufon, *ad.* 1560; died 1598.

Mr. John Fairfull, *ad.* about 1598; (alive 1609.)

Mr. Andrew Forreſter, *ad.* about 1598; demitted 1615; and was afterwards miniſter of Collace 1619.

Mr. John Murray, *ad.* 1615; depoſed for nonconformity to the Articles of Perth 1622; died 1632.

Mr. Harie Macgill, *ad.* 1622; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1642.

Mr. Robert Kay, *ad.* 15 Jan. 1645; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662; demitted November 1665.

Dr. William Pierſon, *tr.* from Paiſley; *ad.* Jan. 17, 1666; *tr.* to Stirling 1676.

Mr. Alexander Dunbar, *ad.* October 19, 1676; died March 22, 1678.

Mr. Robert Norie, *ad.* Sept. 18, 1678; *tr.* to Dundee 1686.

Mr. James Grahame, *ad.* 1687; depoſed by the Synod June 1701, but continued to officiate till 1710, when he died.

[1] Dalgety was erected into a separate parish in 1643, to which Mr. Donaldson was admitted minister. See p. 127.

Dunfermline.—2d Minister.

Mr. Samuel Row, *ad.* 1638.[1]

Mr. William Oliphant, *ad.* 15 Jan. 1645; died July 1662.

Mr. Thomas Kinninmonth, *tr.* from Kilmany July 8, 1666; *tr.* to Auchterderan 1668.

Vacant from 1668 to 1673.

Mr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* April 7, 1673; *tr.* to Kinglaſſie 1676.

Mr. John Balneves, *ad.* Nov. 8, 1676; *tr.* to Dumbarnie 1680.

Mr. Simon Couper, *ad.* May 17, 1681; depoſed by the Preſbytery Dec. 28, 1693, but continued to officiate till 1710.

Mr. John Gray, *tr.* from Orwell 1688.

Mr. William Gullane, *ad.* Aug. 24, 1692; *tr.* to Ladykirk Nov. 1694.

Vacant from 1695 to 1701.

Mr. Hugh Kemp, *tr.* from Forgan May 1, 1701; *tr.* to Carnbee 1705.

Inverkeithing.[2]

Mr. John Huchefon, (1569)

Mr. John Burn, *reader* at Roſſyth, *ad.* Nov. 1570; died 1611.

Mr. Robert Roch, *ad.* July 30, 1611; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1640.

Mr. Walter Bruce, *ad.* 1641; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.

Mr. David Lauder, (1677.)

Mr. Alexander Irvine, ; outed 1689.

Mr. Robert Hodge, *ad.* Nov. 22, 1688; died 1691.

Mr. Samuel Charters, *ad.* Auguſt 25, 1692.

Kinross.

Mr. James Dowie, (1567.)[3]

[1] Mr. Row was merely assistant to Mr. Macgill; the parish of Dunfermline was only made collegiate in 1645, when Mr. Kay and Mr. Oliphant were admitted to the charge of the parish on the same day.

[2] The west part of this parish was formerly the separate Parish of Rosyth.

[3] Mr. Dowie had also in his cure the kirks of Orwell and Ballingray, where Mr. Walter Balfour and Mr. Alexander Wardlaw officiated as *exhorters.*

Mr. John Coldin or Cowdon, (1607); conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died 1640.
Mr. George Coldin, *ad.* 1641; died April 1665.
Mr. James Forfyth, *tr.* from Monzie Nov. 22, 1665.
Mr. Henrie Chriftie, (1682); outed 1689.[1]
Mr. William Spence, (1689).
Vacant from 1690 to 1699.
Mr. Robert M'Gill, *ad.* April 27, 1699.

Muckart.

Mr. Alexander Fotheringhame, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Prefbytery 1638.[2]

Orwell.

Mr. Walter Balfour, *exhorter*, 1567. See Kinross.
Thomas Broun, *reader*, 1574.
Mr. Patrick Geddie, (1614); conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died 1656.
Mr. John Gray, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Geddie, *ad.* March 20, 1650; outed 1662; was alive at the Revolution.
Mr. Alexander Malcolm, *ad.* July 29, 1663.
Mr. Alexander Shaw, *ad.* May 17, 1665.
Mr. Alexander Lundie, ; *tr.* to Carnbee, April 27, 1681.
Mr. Charles M'Kinnon, *ad.* 1681; outed 1688.
Mr. John Gray, reftored 1688; but loofed from the charge by the Synod and *tr.* to Dunfermline 1688.
Mr. Andrew Thomfon, *ad.* Sept. 27, 1688.

[1] Consecrated a non-juring Bishop in 1709, and died in 1718.

[2] In October 1632, Mr. Fotheringhame was ordained by the Diocesan Synod "in al tym cumming, to resort to the Presbytrie of Dunfermling as a member theirof in al things, and not to the Presbytrie of Auchterarder." But in October 1639, the parish was rejoined to that Presbytery.

Saline.

James Blaikwood, *exhorter*, *ad.* Dec. 25, 1567; *tr.* to Sanquhar 1575.
Mr. Peter Blaikwood, *ad.* June 29, 1568. See Aberdour.
Mr. James Steuart, *ad.* May 1587.
Mr. William Marſhall, ; conformed to Preſbytery 1638; died 1649.
Mr. James Oliphant, *ad.* Oct. 14, 1650; died Feb. 1658.
Mr. John Anderſon, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1659; conformed to Epiſcopacy 1662.
Mr. James Lindſay, *ad.* March 29, 1664.
Mr. John Johnſton, *ad.* ; depoſed at the Revolution.
Vacant from 1690 to 1695.
Mr. John Wylie, *ad.* December 31, 1695; *tr.* to Clackmannan, 1700.
Mr. Patrick Plenderleith, *ad.* September 19, 1701.

Torryburn.

Mr. John Hucheſon, (1569.)[1]
William Lawſon, *reader*, 1574.
Mr. William Home, *ad.* ; died 1616.
Mr. Robert Thomſon, *ad.* Auguſt 1616; died September 1628.
Mr. James Sibbald, *ad.* 1629; conformed to Preſbytery 1638, and to Epiſcopacy 1662; died May 1667.
Mr. James Aird, *ad.* July 15, 1668; outed 1690.
Vacant from 1690 to 1695.
Mr. Allan Logan, *ad.* July 24, 1695.

[1] The parish of Crombie was also in Mr. Hutcheson's charge, and was united to Torryburn previously to 1622.

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